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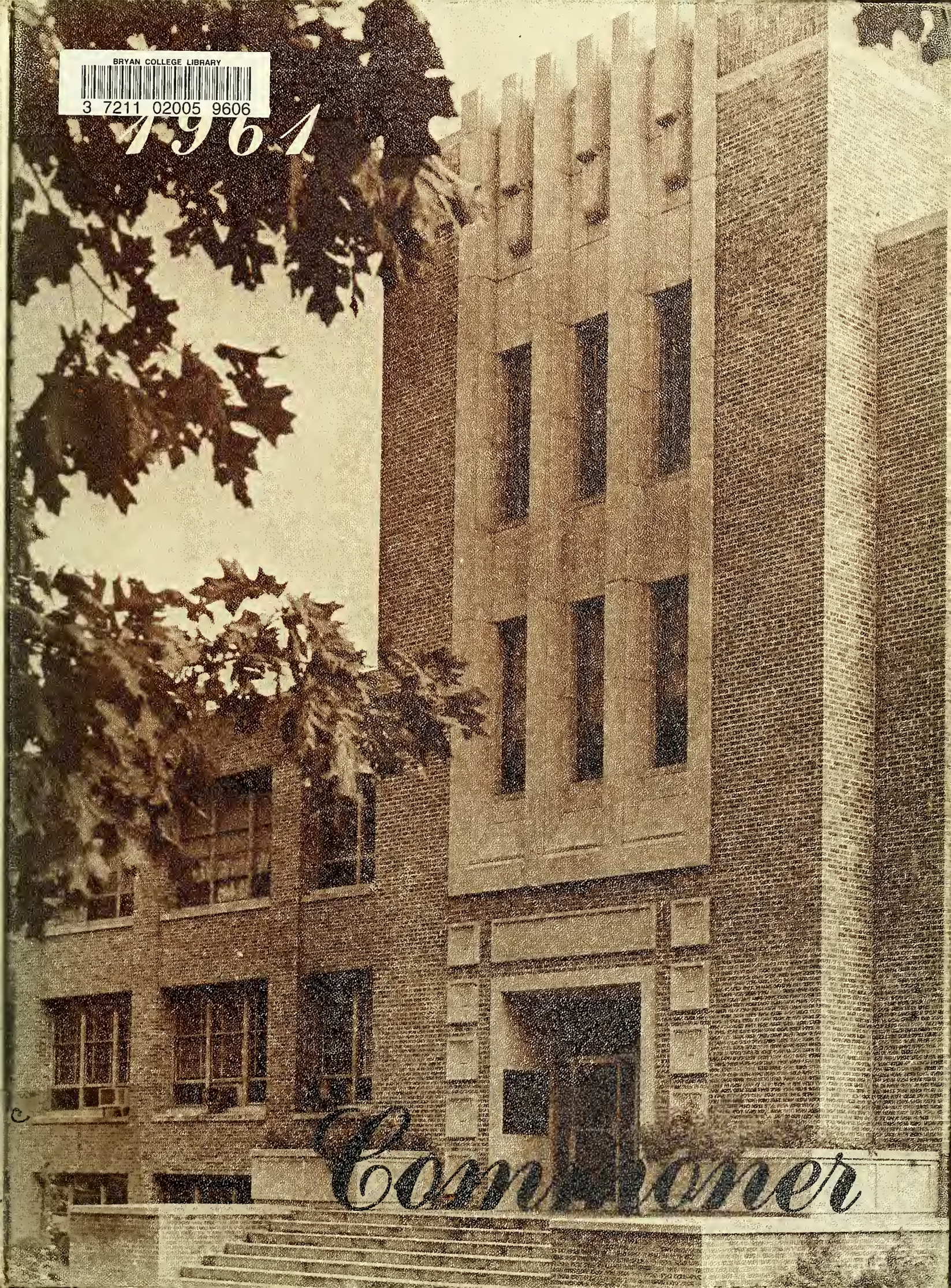

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Published by the junior class of Bryan College, this, *The 1961 Commoner,* is expressly devoted to the glorification of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As the college was founded for the uplifting of His name in higher education, so has this yearbook been published, "that He alone in everything and in every respect might occupy the Chief place--stand first and be pre-eminent."

Dedication

Christ Pre-eminent
in your inspirational leadership
in your academic challenge
in your spiritual consistency

We acknowledge your incessant efforts in behalf of the college to which you have devoted five years of selfless service.

We admire your undaunting stand in science against the evolution hoax which threatens the Christian faith of today's youth.

We appreciate your dedicated labor of love at Cranmore-Cove Mission to build and strengthen lives in Christ.

For dedicating yourself to Him, we dedicate this, *The 1961 Commoner*, to you, DR. WILLARD HENNING.

Dr. Henning prepares another specimen for the zoology museum.

Bryan's professor of science is the Cove's rural missionary.

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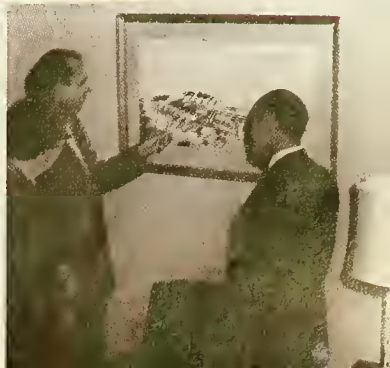

DIRECTIVELY

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Psalm 32:8

Theodore C. Mercer
B.A., M.A., Litt. D.
President

Administration

The men and women composing the administration, staff, and faculty of Bryan College have set for the student body worthy examples of Christian living.

Their homes and their classes are Christ-centered; their decisions on both the personal and academic levels are reached through prayerful consideration.

In fulfilling their responsibilities of college leadership, they have indeed acknowledged Christ above all.

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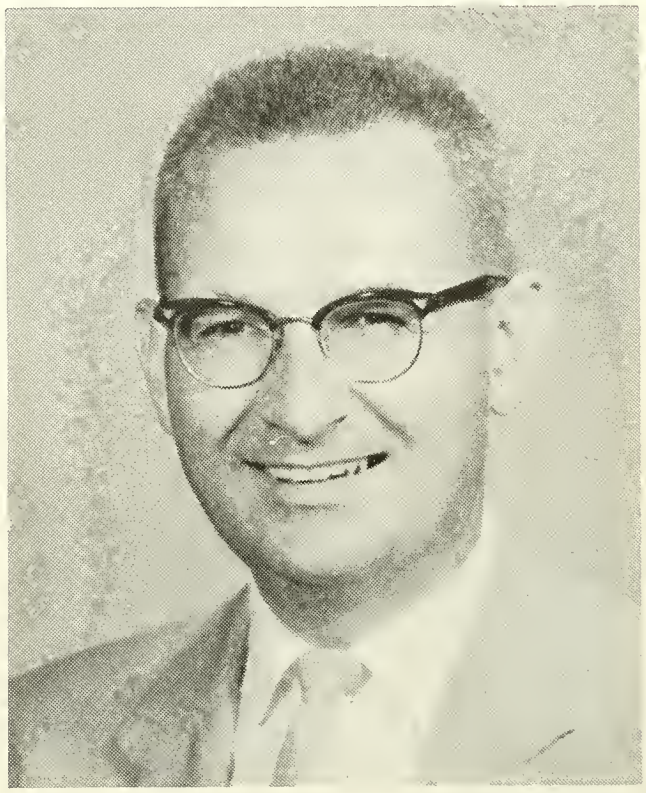
Acting Accountant



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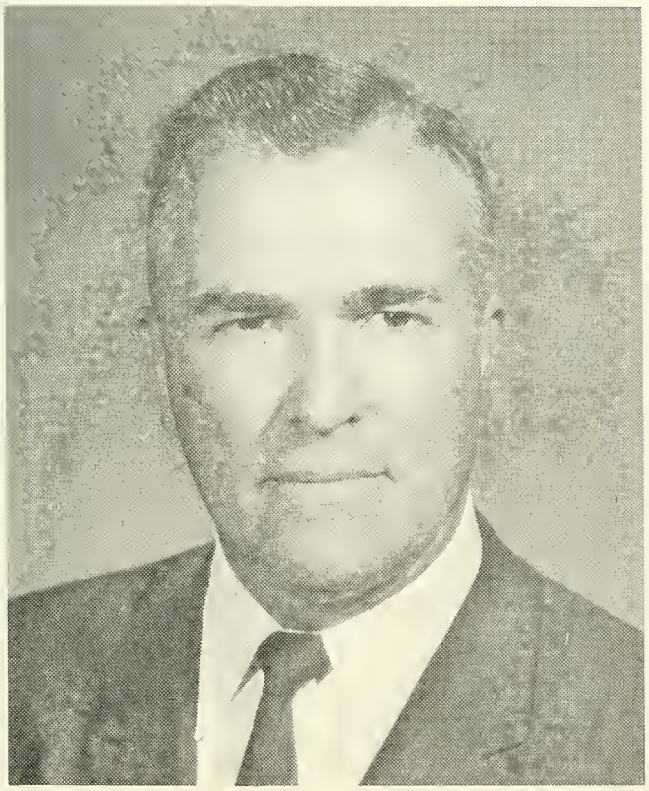

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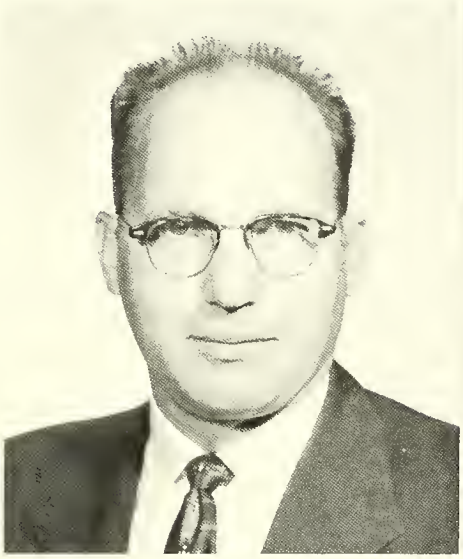

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Supervisor of Lionette and Bookstore

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Secretary to the President

Lois Meadows
Supervisor of General Office Services

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Secretary in Public Relations
Alumni Executive Secretary

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College Hostess

Mayme Sheddan
Secretary to the Dean

Harold Sutton
Assistant Director of Maintenance

Shirley Whitener
Nurse

Faith Williamson
Secretary to the Business Manager
Cashier

Staff

Student and staff member work side by side.

Efficient and friendly, nurse Whitener is always on the job.

Miss Luetgens adds the finishing touches to an evening meal.

Faculty

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Ancient Languages

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History and Physical Education

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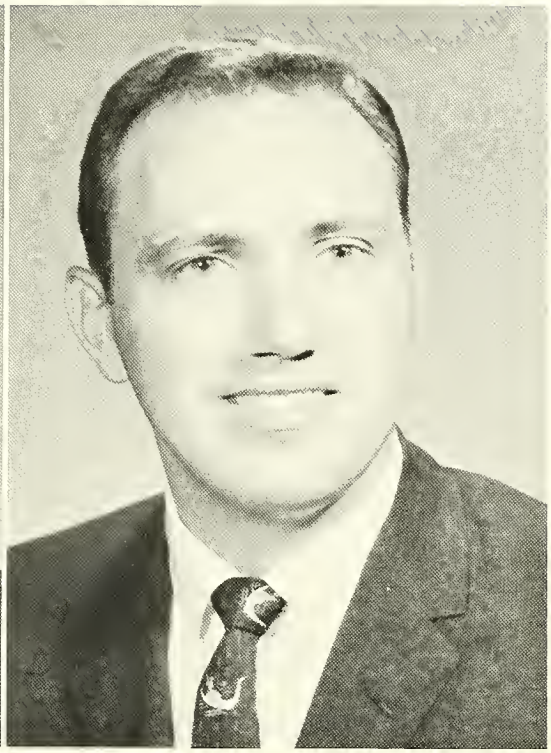

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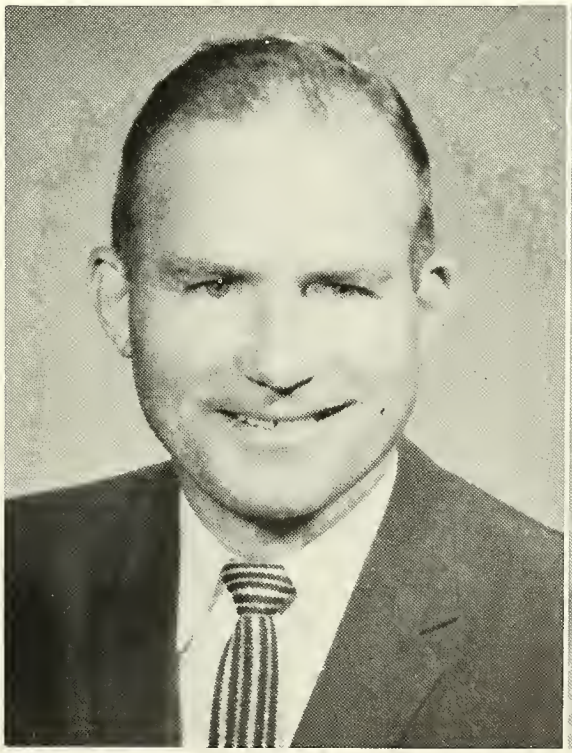

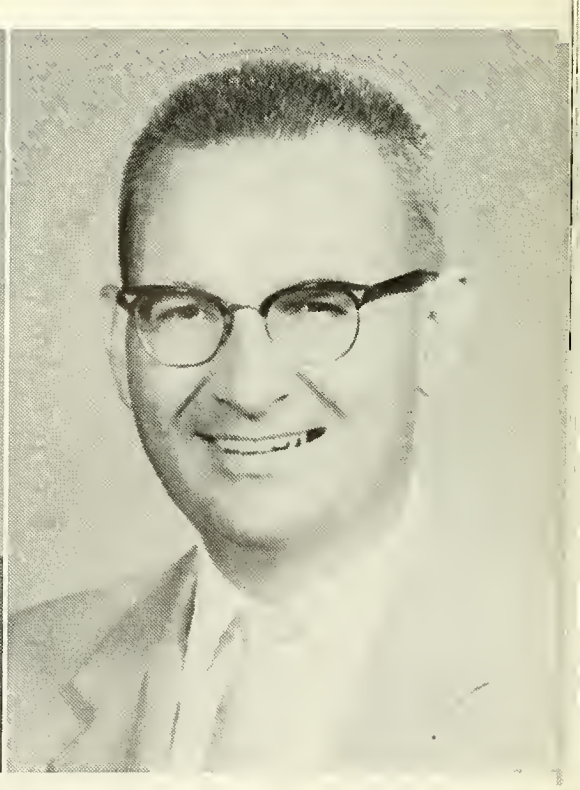

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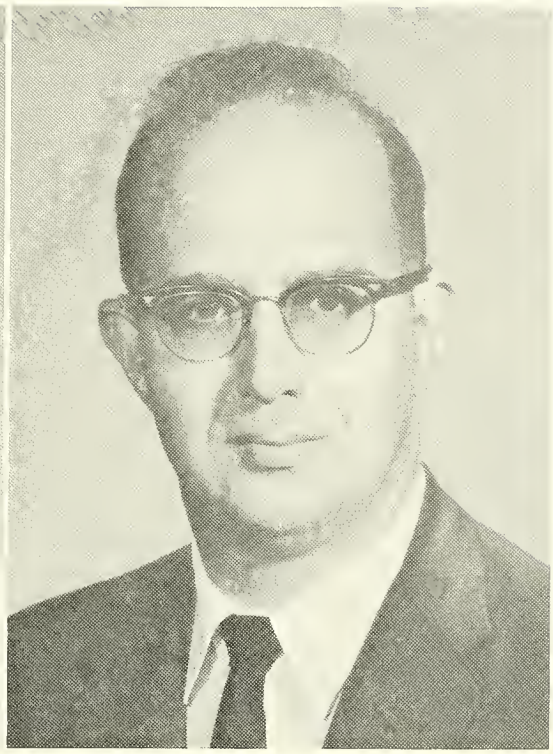

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Gerald L. Woughter
B.M., M.M.
Assistant Professor
Music

Lou Ellen Woughter
B.A., M.S.
Associate Professor
Natural Science

Faculty

Right: Led by Mrs. Woughter, natural science classes never lack enthusiasm.

Left: Typical of an interested faculty, Mr. Van Meeveren gives pointers on the writing of a freshman term paper.

Under the watchful eye of Mr. Meyer, Wilson performs an experiment in chemistry lab.

ACADEMICALLY

But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them.

II Timothy 3:14

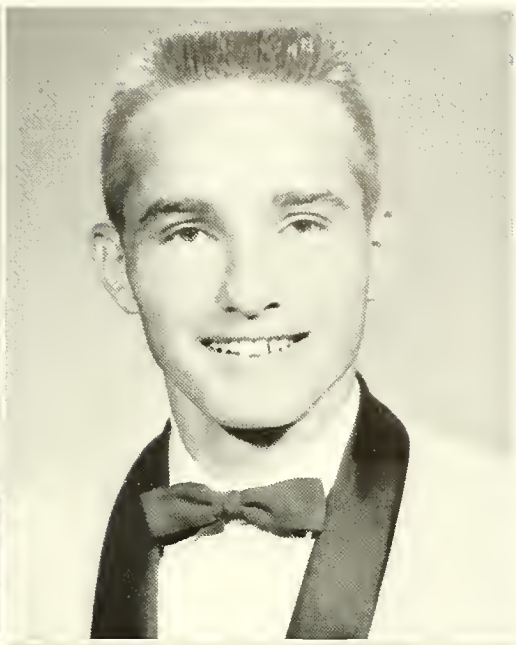
Officers--STANDING: David Egner (president); SEATED: Lina Morris (treasurer), Jerry Bauman (vice president), L. Donald Hill (sponsor), Carol Cureton (secretary).

Senior Officers

According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

Philippians 1:20

Seniors



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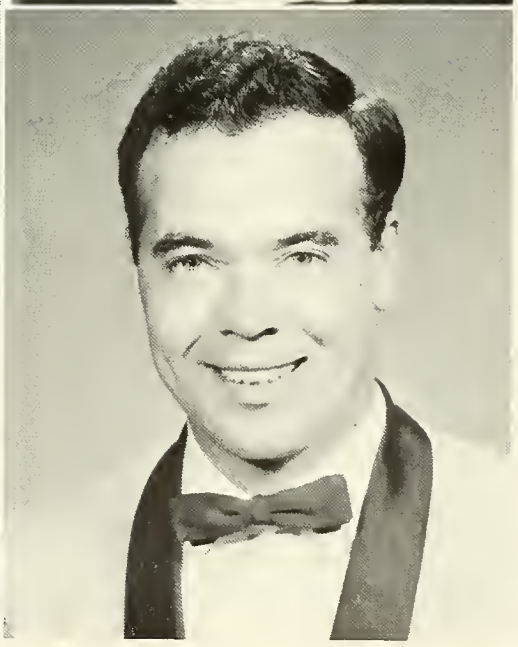
Greek

Faith Sanford Boyce
Elementary Education

Eleanor Raye Brown
Elementary Education



Carol Joy Cureton
History

John H. Duff
History

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Bible

Jean Marie Foster
Christian Education

Malcolm Whitfield Herndon
Mathematics

Roberta Lee Lilley
Christian Education

Lina Lake Morris
English

Samuel Carlisle Morris
Business

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Natural Science

John Prince Rynders
French

Theresa Jane Rynders
Elementary Education

Shelby A. Skinner
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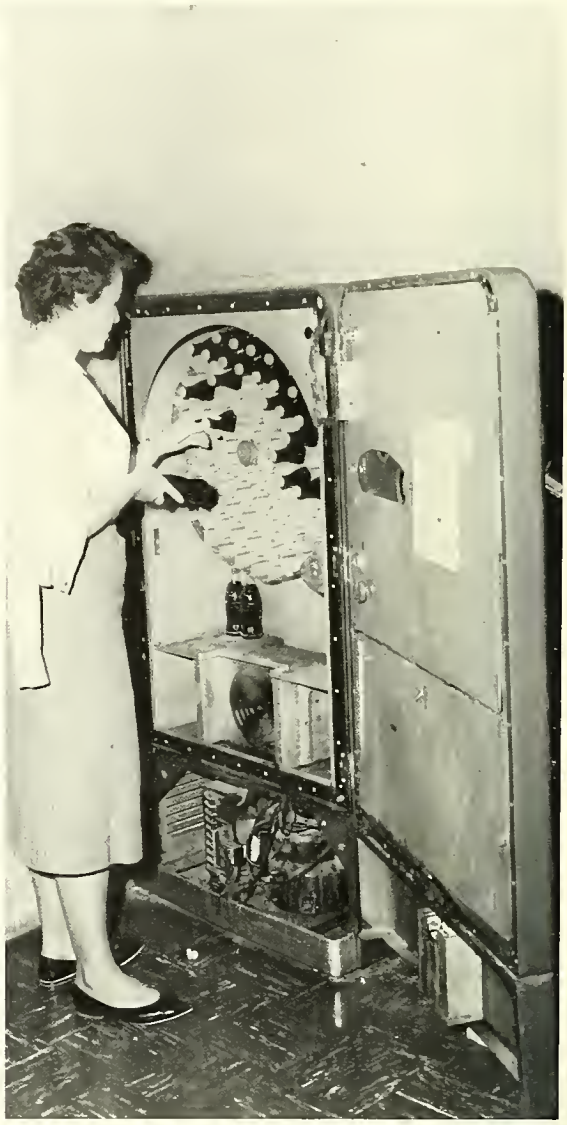
Myrtle Agnes Wood
Christian Education

Above: The senior-sponsored Halloween carnival featured Madam Gracie with her crystal ball.

Senior Memories



Above: Aggie fills the "pause-that-refreshes" machine as her part in a senior fund-raising project.

Theresa Rynders, one of Brvan's student teachers, leads her first-graders in a reading lesson.

'60 Graduation

Graduating seniors step forward to receive their diplomas and to recite their life Scripture verses.

A friendship circle is formed, the class song is sung, and seniors become alumni.

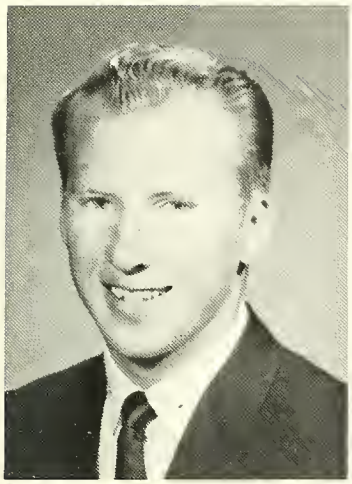
Officers--SEATED: Carma Gray (secretary), Luella Loewen (sponsor); STANDING: Bill Stanton (treasurer), Henry Utz (vice president), Charles Westgate (president).

Junior Officers

That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.

Colossians 1:10

Juniors



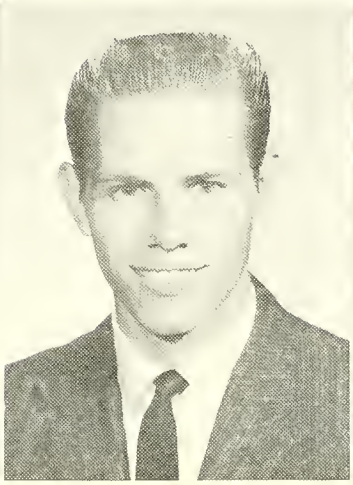
Timothy Amundson

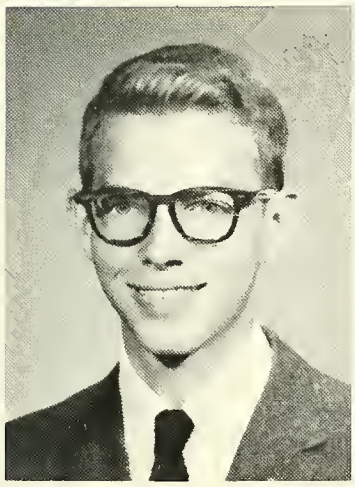
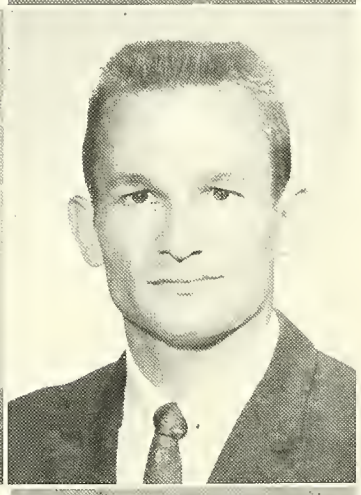
Mary Atkinson

Jane Barnes

Dan Berry

Grace Black



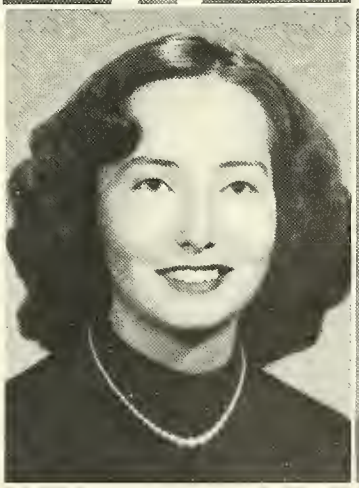
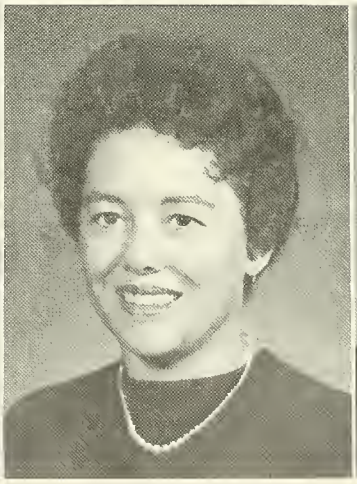
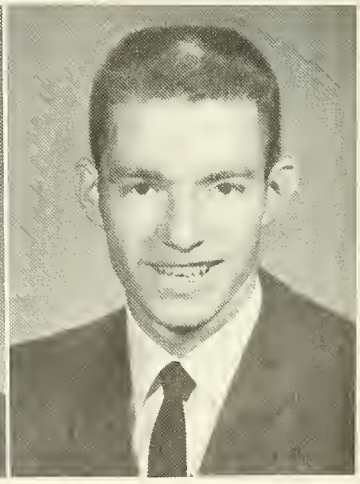
Wayne Bomgaars

Allen Bradley

Pat Brown

Peggy Castle

Robert Combs

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Walter Culbertson

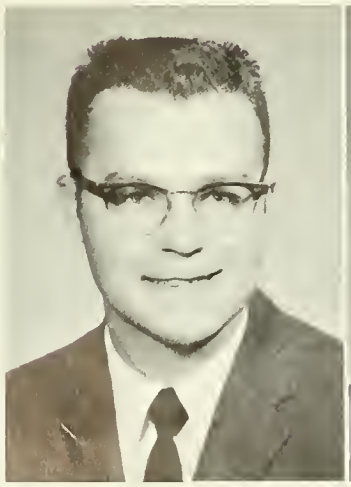
Don Culp

Judell Engelman

Judy Gilson

Carmelita Gray

T. Min Hsu



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Reva Jenkins

Kent Juillard

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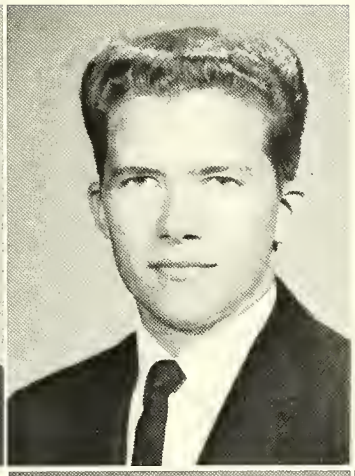

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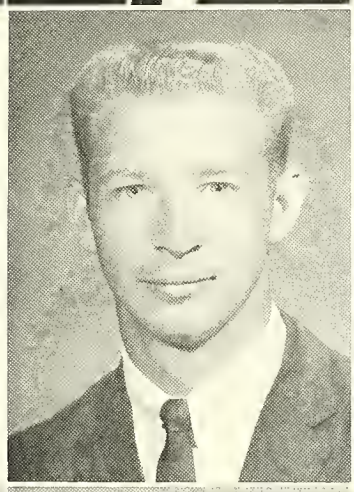
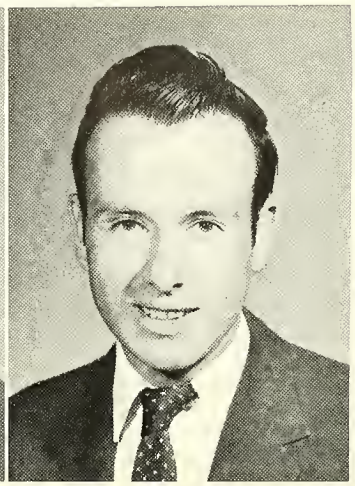
Ron Lusher

Pat Lyons

Chester Pelfrey





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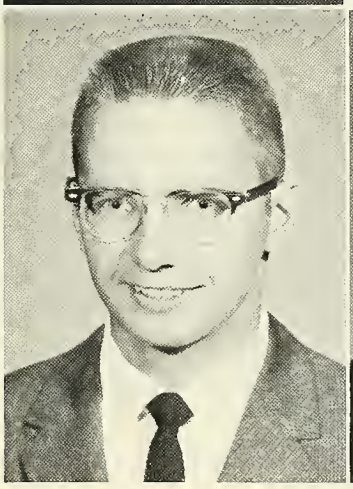
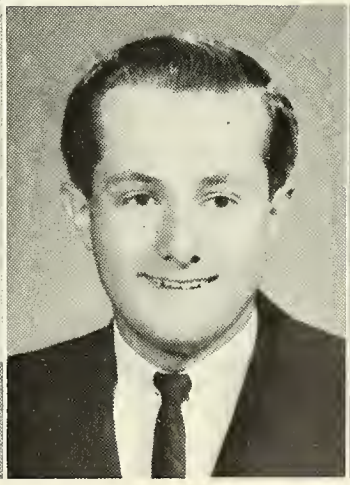
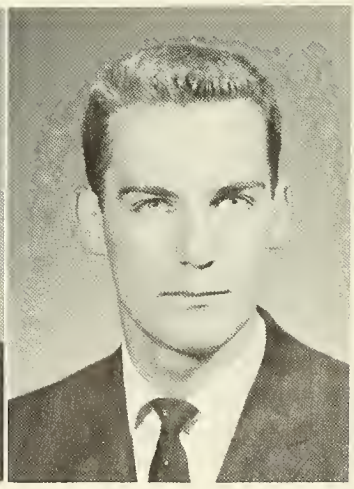

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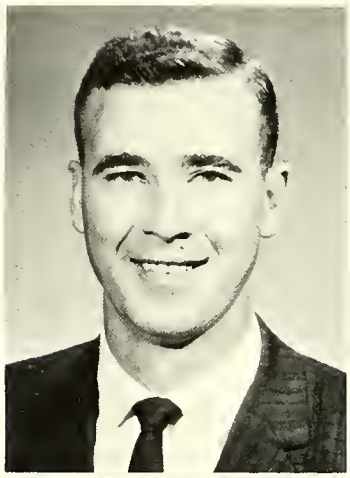

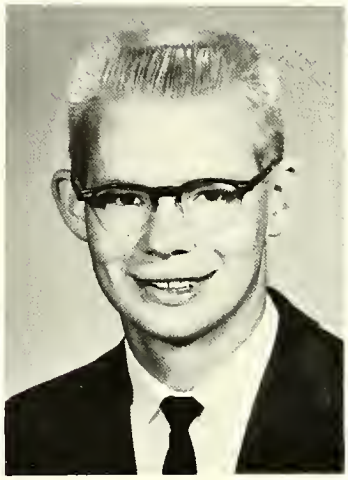

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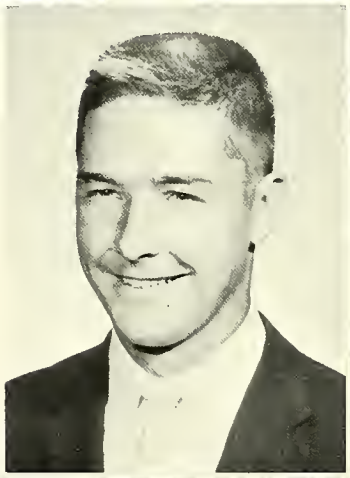
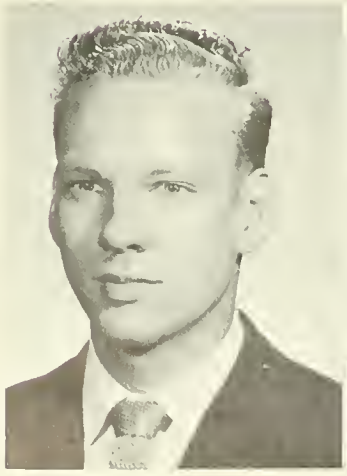
Morgan West

Chuck Westgate

Art White

Jane White





Fred Wimberly

Harold Young

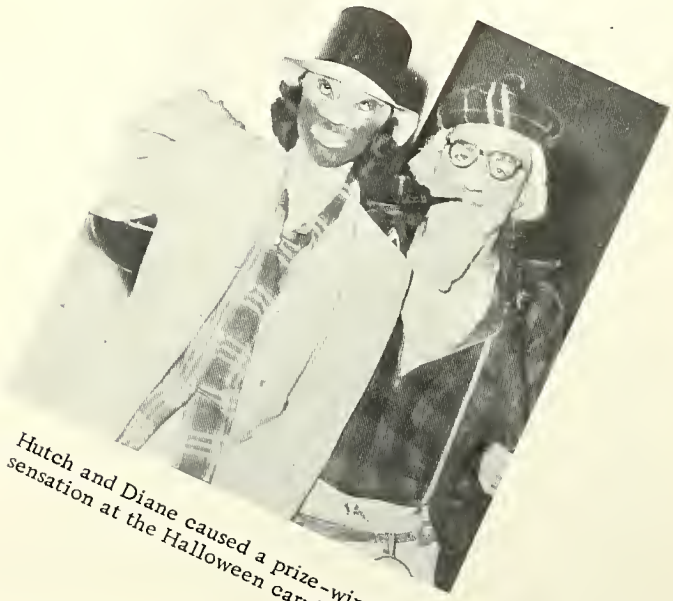
Leo Zaleta

Junior Memories

With a yearbook to publish and academic requirements to meet, juniors found their 1960-'61 school term quite a challenge.

Left: Fred went all out for Bryan.

Dawn finds "night-owl" Brown half-awake, half-asleep over annual copy.



Hutch and Diane caused a prize-winning sensation at the Halloween carnival.

Wally sneaks in a cat nap between yearbook layouts.

Officers--STANDING: Gerald Woughter (sponsor), David Jager (treasurer), Thomas Beal (vice president), Dan Harrison (president); SEATED: Lou Woughter (sponsor), Nancy Street (secretary).

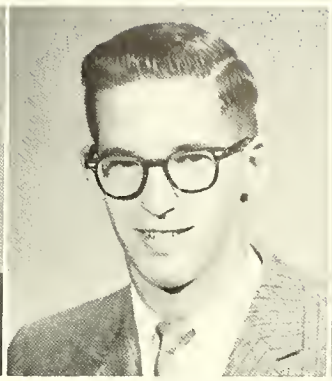
Soph Officers

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.
Colossians 2:6,7

Sophs

Mary Aldrich

Maurice Allen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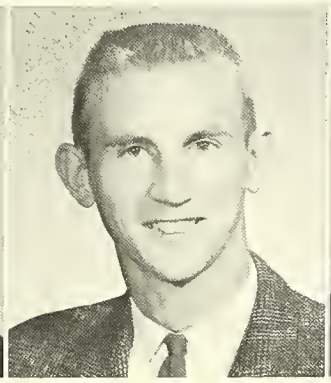
Wanda Bean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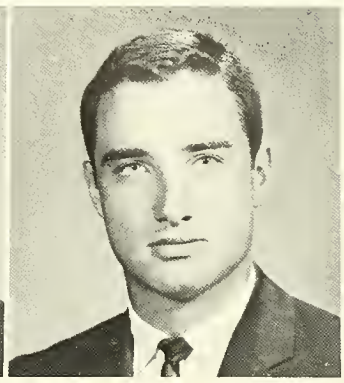
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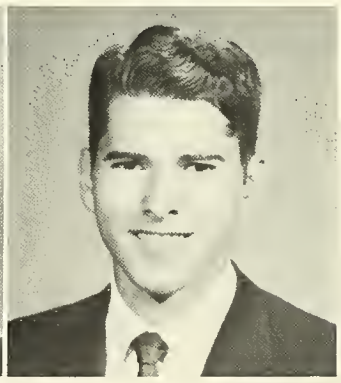
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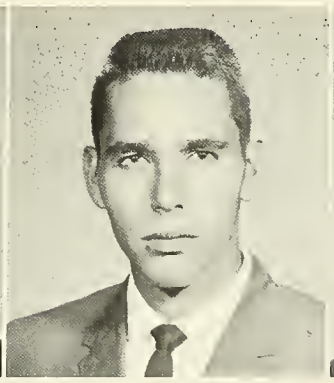
Thomas Engelsman

Carol Francisco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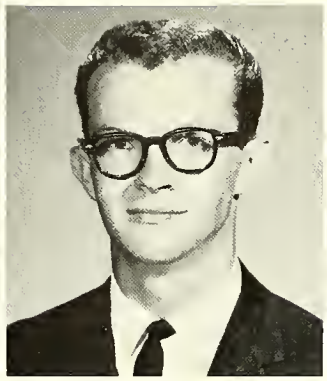
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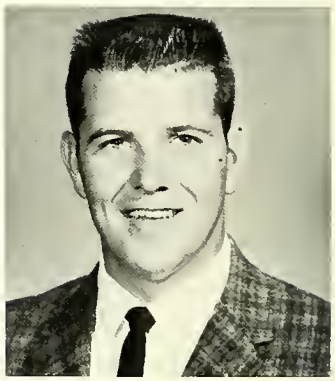
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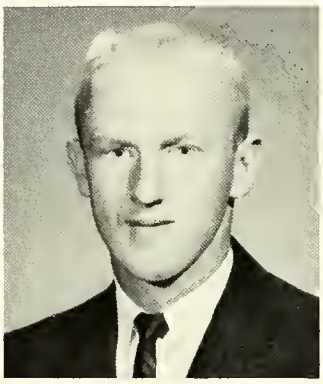
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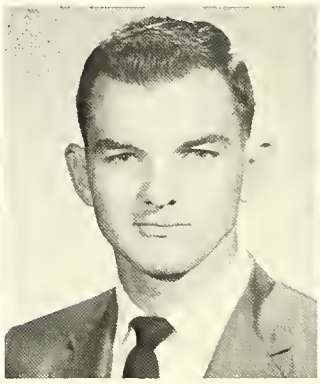
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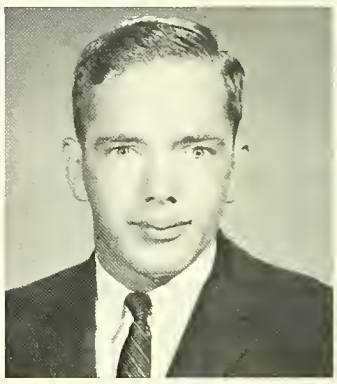
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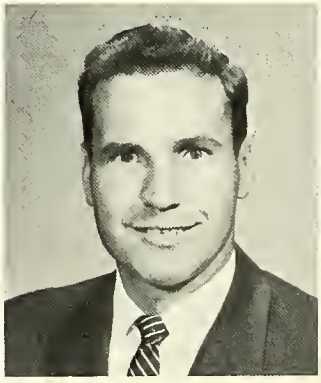
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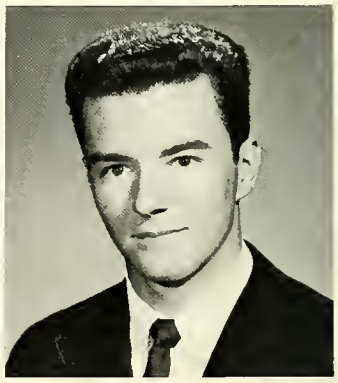
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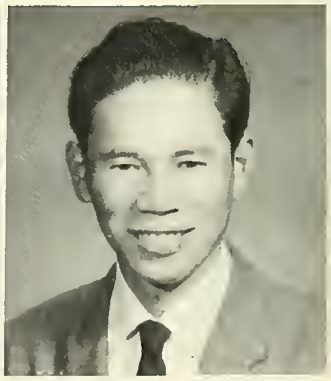
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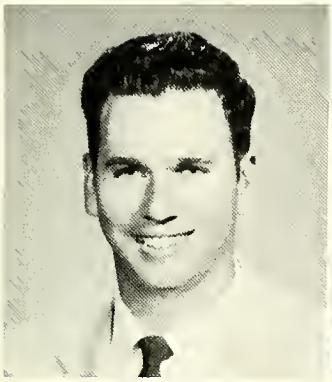
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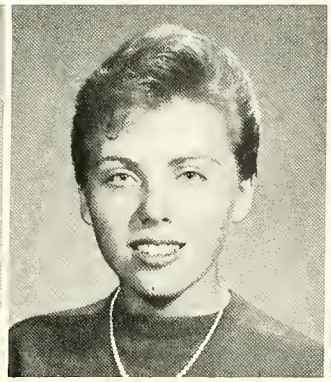
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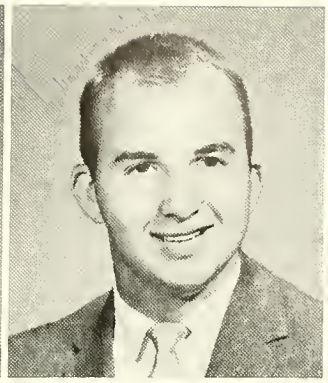
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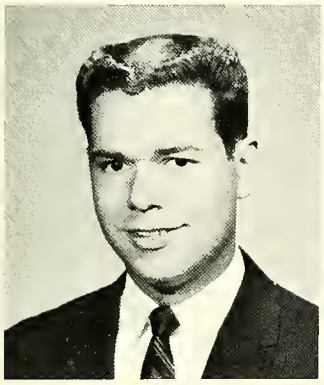
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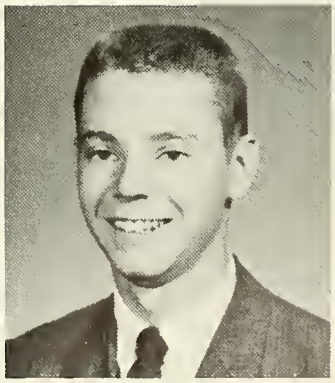
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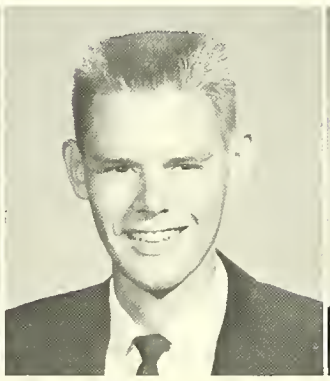

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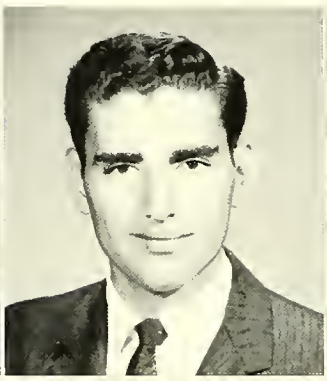


Jim Williamson

Joanne Worley

Clowning around Mexican style, Sandy and Rockie take a break from studies.

Soph Memories

Left: Guests of the sophomores' December party were Dr. F. R. Rogers and Dr. Alma Rader.

Below: Class sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Woughter, received a lovely linen tablecloth as a token of appreciation.

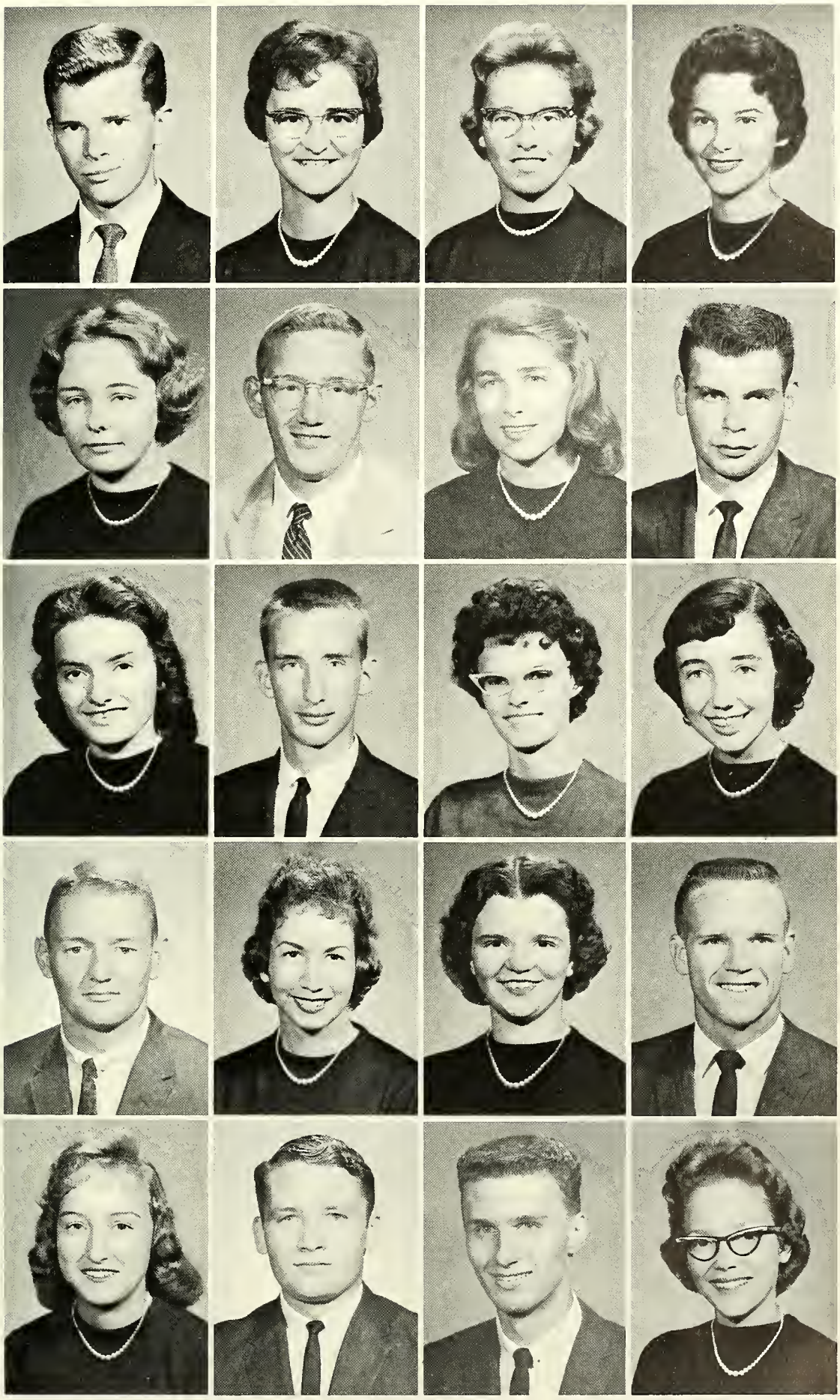
Right: Planning ahead, the money-making sophs worked to raise finances for their various class projects. During basketball season, they took charge of concessions.

Officers--STANDING: James Westgate (president), Don Reed (vice president); SEATED: George Webber (treasurer), Joan Dowell (secretary), John Anderson (sponsor).

Frosh Officers

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.
I Timothy 4:12

Frosh



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Diane DeRosset

Wayne Dixon
Joan Dowell
Serena Duncan
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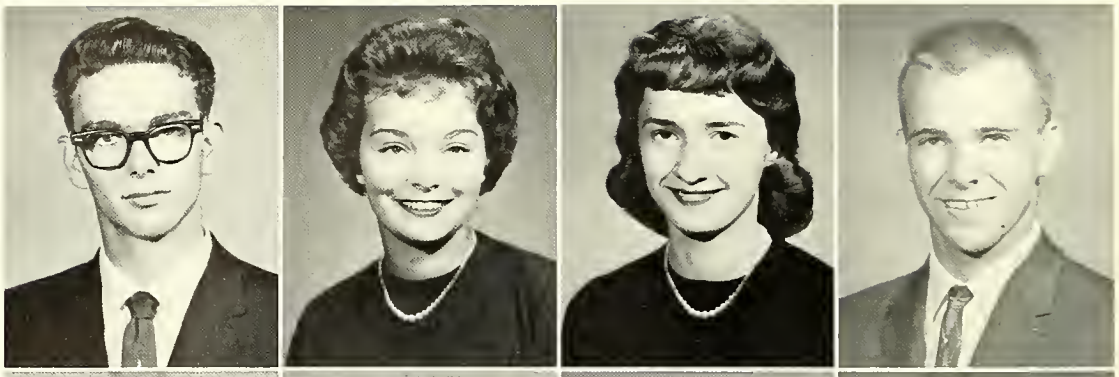

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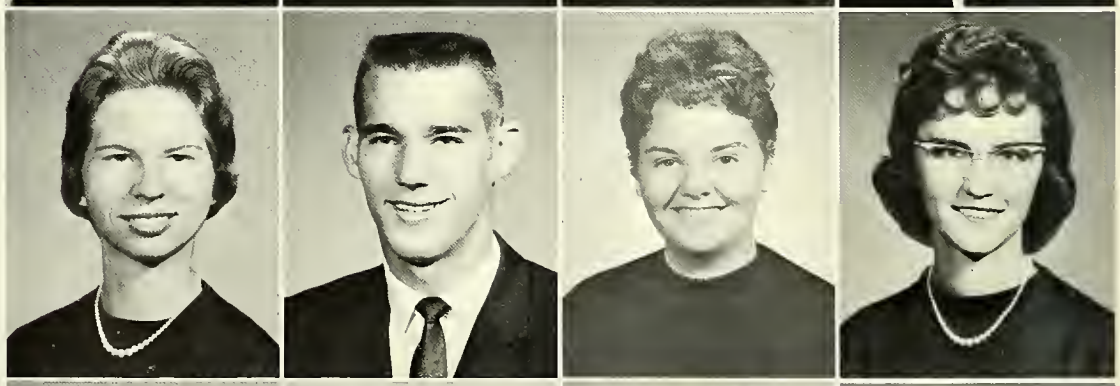
Karen Kruger



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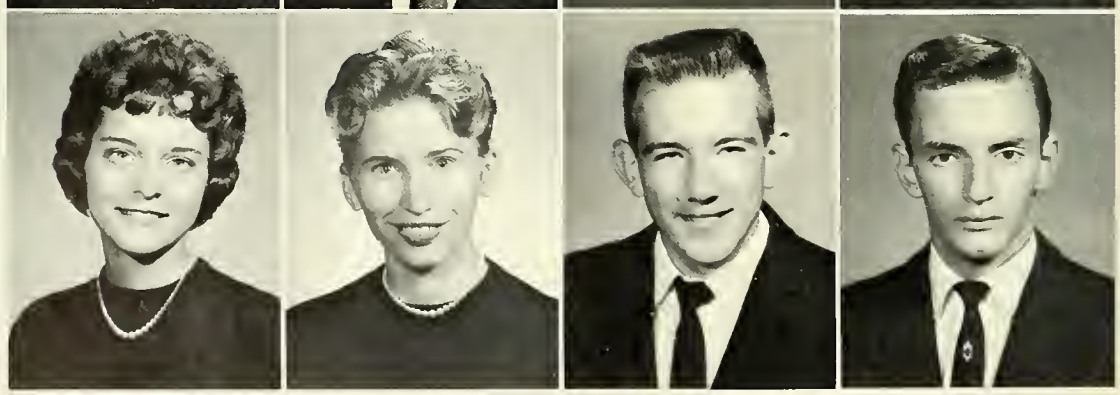

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Judy Mayfield
Helen Metcalf
Diane Peck
Juanita Pelfrey

James Ramage
Donald Reed
Walt Reichner
Sharon Rill

Ray Roseberry
Steve Snyder
Walker Stockton
Leslie Stone

Carol Street
Mary Thistle
Sharon VanOsdal
William Venable

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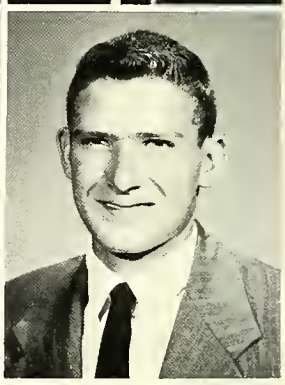


At the offset of freshman initiation, Phil Hobson, sophomore, "cordially invited" sleepy frosh to a 4 A.M. health hike.

Above: As a climactic feature of initiation, kangaroo court sentenced several "mature" offenders to a rather immature fate.

Frosh Memories

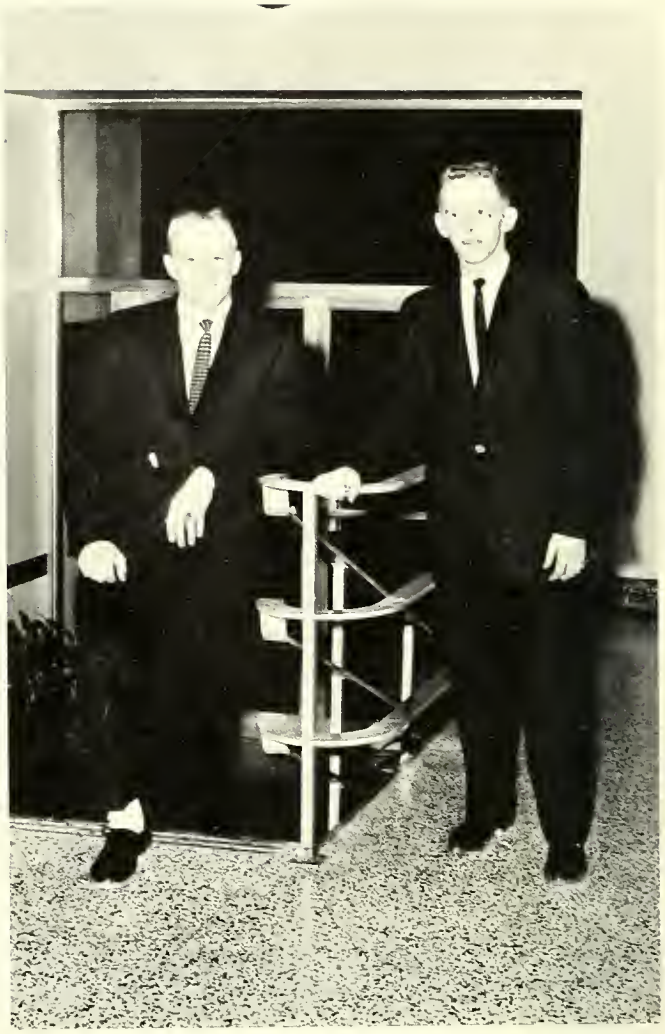
Above: Last-minute primping, a few anxious sighs, the walk downstairs, and freshman girls meet their blind dates for the reception.

Above: During freshman talent night, Bob Johnson adds a touch of Georgia drawl to Shakespeare's Caesar.

Left: A silent slash, a sickened gasp, a morbid stare- Doctors Crane and Matheny dig deep into medical research.

New and Returning Students

John Hillyer--freshman.



Left to Right: Ron Morren--freshman, Pat Conner--freshman.

SITTING: Ursula Hildebrant--special student. STANDING: Rae Paulson--sophomore, Errol Scoggins--sophomore.

John Landis--freshman.

SPIRITUALLY

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

Hebrews 4:14

Bible Conference

Bryan's thirtieth annual Bible conference, held this year from October the ninth through the sixteenth, brought to the school family a deeper understanding of the consecrated Christian walk.

In charge of the musical program, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Skinner, of Michigan, were featured in solos, vocal duets, and instrumental duos as they blended melody with message.

As Bryan's first graduate to become a foreign missionary, the Rev. Ralph Toliver, class of '37, challenged students with his burden for missions.

Dr. Richard Seume, of Virginia, thrilled his listeners with the emotional depth and dramatic reality of his delivery.

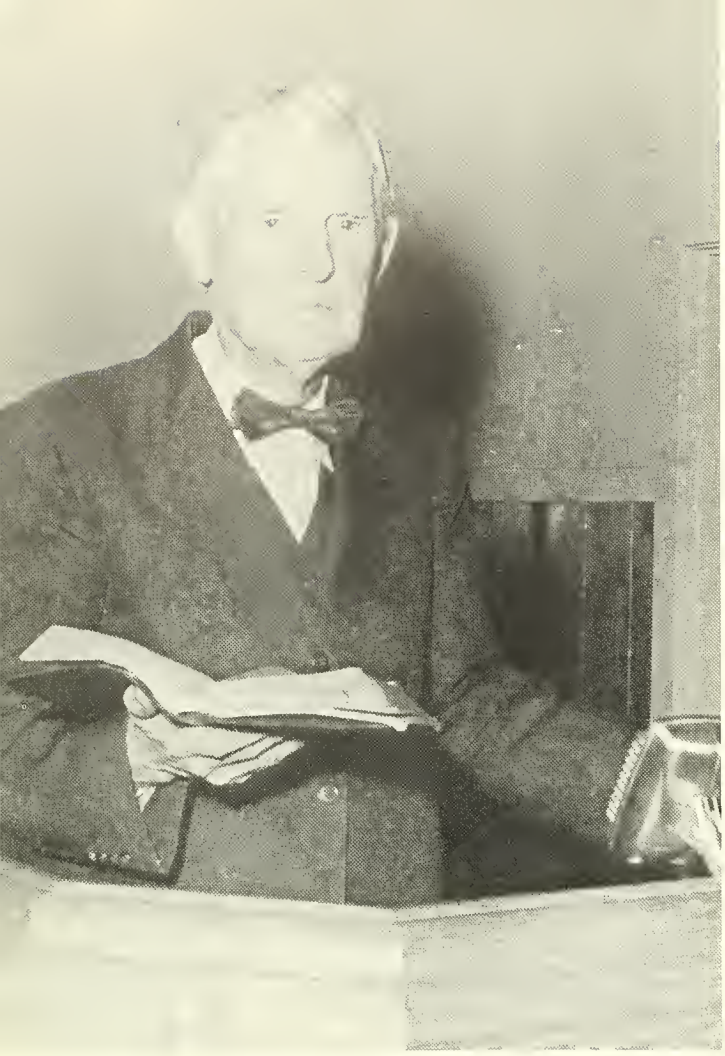
Above: Dr. Richard Seume and Mr. and Mrs. Skinner contributed much to the success of the conference.

The talented Skinners prepare for rehearsal.

The Reverend Ralph Toliver

Dr. Richard Seume

Song leader, Mr. Gerald Woughter, lends his talents to the opening services of Bible conference.



Chapel

Chapel bell sounds forth a call to morning worship for the entire Bryan family. For many this is the time of greatest spiritual blessing on campus.

Group singing, special musical numbers, responsive Bible reading, prayer, and the inevitable announcements are all ingredients of the typical chapel program.

Then follows a message from Scripture. Whether the speaker be a highly publicized orator or a Bryan student preaching for his first time in public, the service may be considered successful if hearts are touched, questions are answered, and needs are met through leading of the Holy Spirit.

Above: Pa Byus brings in his message the experience of a lifetime of dedication.

Above: Organ music by JoAnn Andrews enriches the chapel hour.

Left: Senior David Egner speaks before a congregation of his fellow students.

Above: Well-known orator and writer, Dr. M. R. DeHaan pays his first visit to Bryan.

Above: Steve Snyder leads the morning hymn.

Below: Representing the faculty, Mr. Warwick leads the responsive Bible reading.

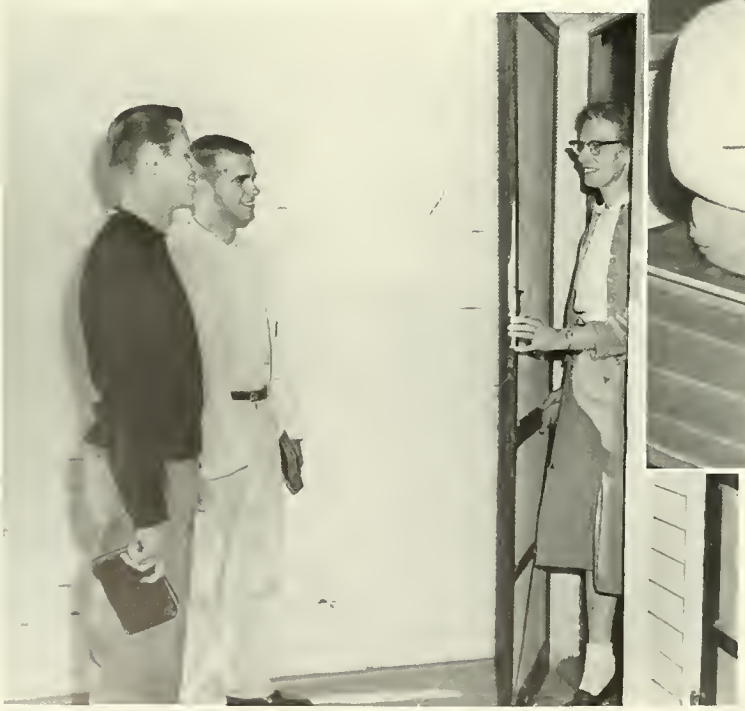
Below: Elaine Reynolds contributes to the service by singing.

C.S.A.

Officers--SEATED: Reva Jenkins (secretary), Luella Lowen (sponsor); STANDING: Ronald Lusher (president), Tom Beal (treasurer).

The George E. Guille Christian Service Association, founded in 1938 and named in honor of Bryan's first president, has a two-fold purpose. First, its participants are provided immediate opportunities for soul-winning. Secondly, through present experiences in Bible teaching and Christian witnessing, students are trained for future service in a multitude of fields.

Activities carried on by C.S.A. members include public-school work, child-evangelism classes, jail services, hospital visitation, and house-to-house witnessing, as well as participation in programs of the local churches.



On Sunday afternoon, a group of young men avail themselves of the opportunities to conduct services in the county jail and to do personal evangelism in the house-to-house visitation program.

Council--SEATED: Jane Barnes (released-time representative), Luella Loewen (sponsor), Agnes Wood (child-evangelism representative), Reva Jenkins (secretary); STANDING: Jim Westgate (house-to-house-visitation representative), Ken Utley (jail-work representative), Ronald Lusher (president), Tom Beal (treasurer).

Because of their interest in the children of Rhea County, C.S.A. teachers spend much time in prayer and preparation before they minister to their classes.

F. M. F.

Officers--Standing: Bob Combs (vice president), Chuck Westgate (president), Furman Miller (sponsor); Seated: Nancy Akins (secretary), Grace Black (treasurer).

An associate organization of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, the Bryan Foreign Missions Fellowship has directed a missionary challenge to its student members since its beginning in 1940. Prayer bands, interested in work carried on throughout specific areas of the world, meet weekly to receive instruction so that they might pray more intelligently for missionary efforts at home and abroad.

The Bryan College branch of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship is unique in that it is not merely another F.M.F. prayer band, but is also a training organization. Members may receive benefits of reasonably priced flying instruction and use of the school-owned plane. Flying aids and techniques are discussed by the student flyers each week after they have had a season of prayer for those ministering in remote areas of the world.

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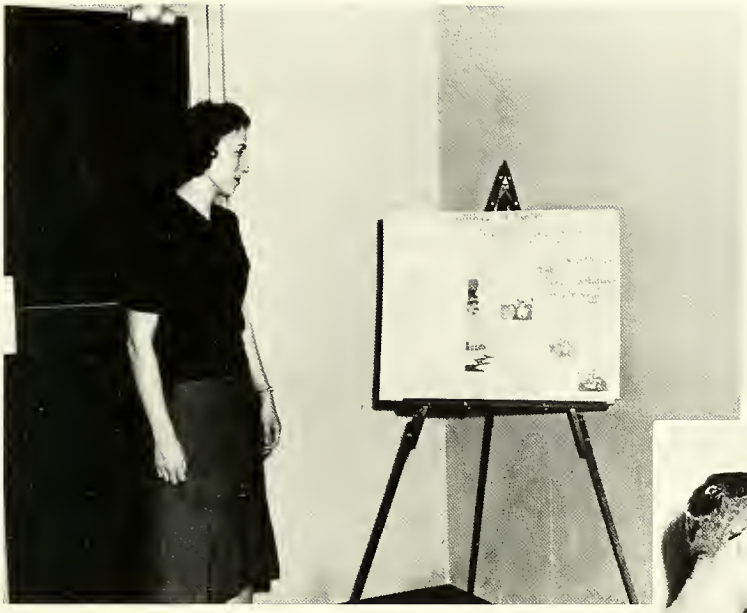


Represented by the various F.M.F. prayer groups are African, American, Asian, European, Jewish, and Latin American missions.

Everett Boyce, coach and history professor, and his family, Faith, Bryan, and Mary Beth, will soon leave Bryan College and head for the Philippines. There they will serve in co-operation with the Berean Mission and join the ranks of hundreds of other alumni now ministering on foreign fields.

Choir--FRONT ROW: Peggy Neece, JoAnn Andrews, Bunny Welsh, Judell Engelman, Phyllis Frykman, Lynn Williams, Ruth Yochum, Carol Cureton, Elaine Reynolds, Judy Frappier. SECOND ROW: Jerry Bauman, Nancy Brookhart, Jackie Conlan, Joan Dowell, Mona Hyden, Brenda Stewart, Agnes Wood, Dan Harrison, Gerald Woughter. THIRD ROW: Don Reed, Tom Weigt, Carma Gray, Wayne Bomgaars, Jim Roeder, Bob Meredith, Ron Lusher. FOURTH ROW: Lowell Martin, John Rynders, Steve Snyder, Jim Westgate, Walter Culbertson, Fred Wimberly, David Pierceall, Tim Amundson, Buddy Walzl.

Choir

"With the Voice of Singing," the concert choir, under the direction of Gerald Woughter, declares the good news of Christ and serves in an official role in the school's student-procurement program.

The choir travelled this year in Georgia and in Florida for a twelve-day spring tour.

Left: Officers--Jerry Bauman (manager), Carma Gray (treasurer), Gerald Woughter (Director), John Rynders (president).

Left: The Male Quartet--John Rynders, L. Donald Hill, Lowell Martin, David Pierceall.

Below: The Mixed Quartet--John Rynders, Elaine Reynolds, Joan Dowell, David Pierceall.

Left: Dr. Keefer and David make room for luggage packed for the messengers' week-end excursion north.

Gospel Messengers

The semester break from a routine academic schedule provided time for Bryan's Gospel Messengers to travel to Washington, D.C., to take part in a program of the Christian Youth Crusade. The Messengers' Ensemble; Dr. Keefer, speaker; Miss Jimmie Woods, violinist; and Theresa Rynders, pianist, presented services of Scripture and music in churches visited en route to and from their Washington engagement.

Below: The Ensemble--Elaine Reynolds, John Rynders, L. Donald Hill, Lowell Martin, David Pierceall, Joan Dowell.

Churches

As active members of local church congregations during their stay at college, Bryan students find productive outlets for their time and talents.

Filling positions of church leadership, as well as followership, future teachers, preachers, missionaries, and laymen learn of the responsibilities involved in planning and in presenting effective programs of worship.

Above: Dave Whitney--Morgantown Baptist Mission, Sunday-School teacher.

Left: Jim Roeder--Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Director of Music.

Below: Pat Brown--First Methodist Church, Sunday-School teacher.

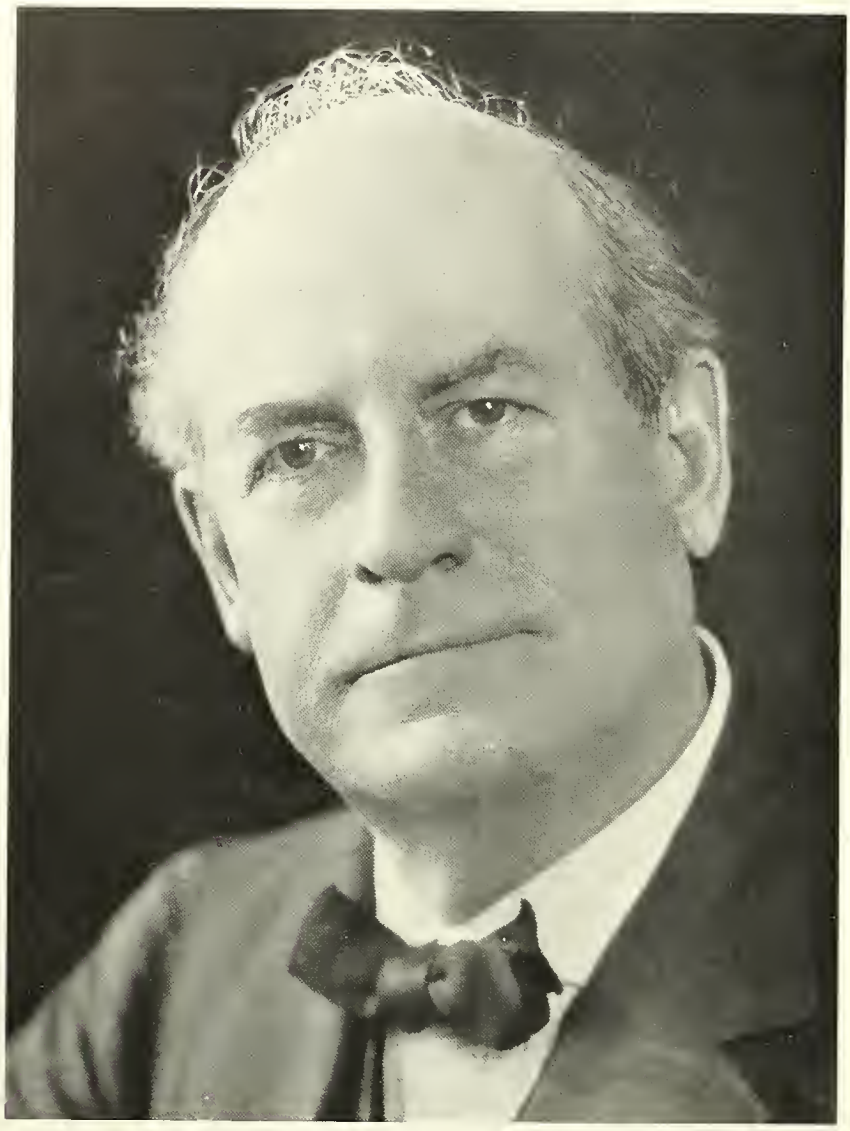
Above: Bob Combs--Cranmore Cove Mission, Songleader.

SOCIALLY

We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.

Psalm 55:14

William Jennings Bryan Centennial



The Great Commoner, and Defender of the Faith

The centennial anniversary of the birth of William Jennings Bryan--orator, statesman, vessel of God--was celebrated in March of 1960 at the college named in his honor.

Perhaps Bryan is best remembered for his role as prosecuting attorney in the famous Scopes' Evolution Trial, held in Dayton, Tennessee. Here it was that this "Defender of the Faith," unashamed of his belief in the Bible as the inspired Word of God, took a firm stand against the atheistic teachings of Darwinism.

This courtroom battle has been relived many, many times since, as God-fearing men of science have argued the injustice of teaching as fact in the public schoolroom the far-from-proven theory of evolution. Indeed, never before in the history of modern scientific thinking have so many men of high intellect clung so desperately to an explanation of beginnings as absurd to the unprejudiced mind, as void of proof as is that of evolution.

Although skeptics of these days have ridiculed Bryan, dedicated, informed Christians salute him as a true hero of the faith.

Dr. Mercer and Mrs. Rudd Brown

Chancellor Woodlee and Representatives

Mrs. Rudd Brown, of Los Angeles, California, granddaughter of William Jennings Bryan, was guest speaker at the Bryan College Founders' Day convocation held on March 20, 1960, to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the birth of Mr. Bryan.

The service was begun with an academic procession including the college faculty, delegates from other institutions and organizations, alumni representatives, members of the board of trustees, and advisory committee members, as well as student flag-bearers and choir members.

Mrs. Brown was introduced by Chancellor Glenn Woodlee, a Bryan trustee; her address was entitled, "Politics and the Responsibility of Citizenship." Following the convocation, she was honored by the Dayton Business and Professional Women's Club at a reception in the high school library.

Homecoming Royalty

THERESA RYNDERS, first attendant

NANCY STREET, queen

AGNES WOOD, second attendant

Crowning Events

Right: Reigning over the annual home-coming-day festivity is her majesty, Queen Nancy, crowned by escort, Tom Beal.

Left: David Brannen, Agnes Wood, Nancy Street, Tom Beal, Theresa Rynders, and Bill McKinley, members of the royal court, join together in singing the "Alma Mater."

Named alumnus of the year, Ralph Toliver (standing left), missionary to the Philippines, is congratulated by Everett Boyce.

Ralph Green, class of '56, acted as master of ceremonies for the home-coming banquet.

Council Members--Left to Right: John Rynders (president), Sandra Sorrell (secretary), Shelby Skinner, T. Min Hsu, Rollie Fleck, Reva Jenkins, Larry Hutchison (vice president), Diane Peck, Mona Hyden, Larry Bail, John Roden.

Student Council

The student council is an organization composed of representatives of all four classes. Its primary function is to act as a mediative agency between administration and student body.

Right: To boost the annual Gifts for the King campaign, council members decked the Lionette in Christmas trimmings and hung up class stockings to promote individual giving, as well as school spirit.

BACK ROW: John Rynders (senior), Lina Morris (senior), Theresa Rynders (senior), Ronald Lusher (junior); FRONT ROW: Pat Brown (junior), Shelby Skinner (senior).

Who's Who

This year four seniors and two juniors were selected for recognition in the publication *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.* These students were chosen because of their scholastic achievements, their participation and leadership in extracurricular activities, their school citizenship, their service to the college, and their promise of future usefulness.

Taken also into consideration by the Bryan nominating committee were the spiritual lives and testimonies of each of these individuals. Such an honor represents work well done and presents an encouragement for the future, which although unknown at present, can be no less than excellent since it has been planned by God.

But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

Job 23:10

The Promethean Society (Officers: Bob Meredith, president; Russ Llewellyn, vice president; Nancy Street, secretary; George Webber, treasurer; Marge Denner, social chairman; Larry Bail, publicity manager).

Clubs

The principal goal of the Promethean Society (pictured above) is to stimulate interest in and to cultivate appreciation of the cultural heritage of all Americans.

The E. B. Arnold Chapter of the Student National Education Association (pictured right) has provided very helpful activity in the preparation of Bryan's future educators. This organization both enlists future teachers and promotes interest in teaching as a profession.

S.N.E.A. (Officers: Jackie Morris, president; Gary Rhodes, vice president; Elaine Reynolds, secretary; Carol Cureton, treasurer; Roland Fleck, program chairman).

Clubs

Left: The Bible Memory Association encourages its members to memorize Scripture at their own individual rates of speed. By hiding the Word of God in their hearts, they will be made more effective in their Christian witnessing.

Front Row: Tom Weigt, Pat Lyons, Agnes Wood (hearer and chairman), Dave Jager; Back Row: Ron Lusher, Wanda Wagenknecht, Diane Peck, Don Reed.

Right: Tennis Club members have spent long hours in practice to build a team. This group plans in the spring of 1961 to play its first schedule of intercollegiate tennis games.

Front Row: Dave Jager (president), Shirley Whitener, Judy Seidenspinner (secretary-treasurer), Gail Posey, Floyd Kelley (vice president); Back Row: Tom Weigt, Bill Yates, Gary Rhodes, Mike Loftin.

The Athletic Boosters' Club was organized to promote sports enthusiasm and participation. Through the encouraging of attendance at all home games and the launching of various fund-raising campaigns, it has laid a more stable financial foundation for the continuation of intercollegiate sports at Bryan. (Officers: Dan Berry, president; Maurice Allen, vice president; Diane Peck, secretary).

Community Council--Under the leadership of Dr. Karl Keefer, representative officers of all official organizations on campus hold monthly meetings to discuss items of importance to the entire student body and administration.

Campus Communities

Situated among the most beautiful natural surroundings of the Tennessee Valley area, Bryan's campus overlooks the Dayton Lake and boasts a panoramic view of mountain ranges and farmland.

Students live in their own communities, either on or near the Hill. One of the traditional on-campus communities which is in its last year of existence is Trailerville, housing married students and their families. Elected by Trailerville citizens to direct community affairs is the three-man council (pictured right), composed of one mayor and two councilmen.

Trailerville Council--Left to Right: Henry Utz (councilman), Harold Young (mayor), Wesley Young (councilman)

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Communities

Above: The women's dormitory, located on the third floor of the main building, includes Rudd and Rader Halls, a lounge for study or leisure, and an apartment for the dean of women.

Roommates often choose to use matching color schemes in decorating their rooms to give them a homey touch of their own.

Below: Situated below the chapel is one of the men's dormitories on campus.

Right: The two-story Octagon provides housing for men students and their dean, as well as a main lobby (pictured), used for study periods, recreation hours, and prayer meetings.

Left: Til Zeller stands in the doorway of one of Bryan's off-campus dormitories. This apartment is located on Faculty Circle.

The Messiah Choir

Messiah

For the second consecutive year, a community choir, under the direction of Gerald Woughter, assistant professor of music, presented the Christmas section of Handel's "Messiah."

Composing the choral group were representatives of the faculty, student body, alumni, and townspeople.

Featured on the program were members of the Bryan music department and guest soloists Ruth and John Bartlett.

Capturing the attention of his choir, Mr. Woughter (pictured right) directs the opening chorus, "And the Glory of the Lord."

Gifts For The King Service

December 11, 1960

Memorial Chapel

3:00 p.m.

MESSIAH

(Christmas Section)

by

ge Frederick Handel

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12. Chorus . . . . . Orgon

Postlude . . . . . .

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Jimmie Woods . . . Soprano

4. Recit. . . . . And the
Air and Chorus . . . . . T...
But who may abide the day
. . . . . virgin shall conceive
. . . . . For beho
. . . . . T...

Karl Keefer . . . Organist

Edna Meyer . . . Pianist

. . . . . Then shall the eyes of the blind
He shall feed His flock

. . . . . Hallelujah

. . . . . Amen

Ruth Bartlett . . . Contralto
John Bartlett . . . Bass

Christmas Decorations

Right: After a long night's decorating, Rip Van Westgate snuggles up with a music-box bunny for a long winter's nap.

Above and Right: Freshmen and juniors planned, propped, and painted their way to first prize in the Christmas contest.

Above and Right: Sophomores and seniors transformed the main lobby into a winter wonderland. Bob Meredith's painting captured the attention of guests.

Christmas Banquet

Left: With its theme taken from the gospel of Luke--"Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men"--the Christmas banquet brought yuletide celebration to a climax at the college.

Song and sermon were focused upon the joys of the true meaning of the coming holidays--the birth of Christ.

Above and Left: Speaker for the evening was the Rev. W. Earle Stevens, Jr., of Chattanooga. The sextet sang "Christmas Bells."

Above and Left: Dr. Mercer acted as the banquet's master of ceremonies and announced that the ladies' quartet would sing "Merry Christmas to You."

All-College Functions

The college social functions include everything from an all-school outing to the annual president's reception.

Whether singing hymns around an evening bonfire or greeting an important guest at an afternoon tea, whether the occasion calls for a tuxedo or for toreadors, whether cleaning up the campus or decorating for a forthcoming banquet, Bryan students are provided a wholesome atmosphere for ample education in the social aspects of Christian living.

Lowell rations out bag lunches after the Piney Gorge hike.

On a day of fun and relaxation, faculty members with their families enjoy a vacation from studies as much as or more than their pupils.

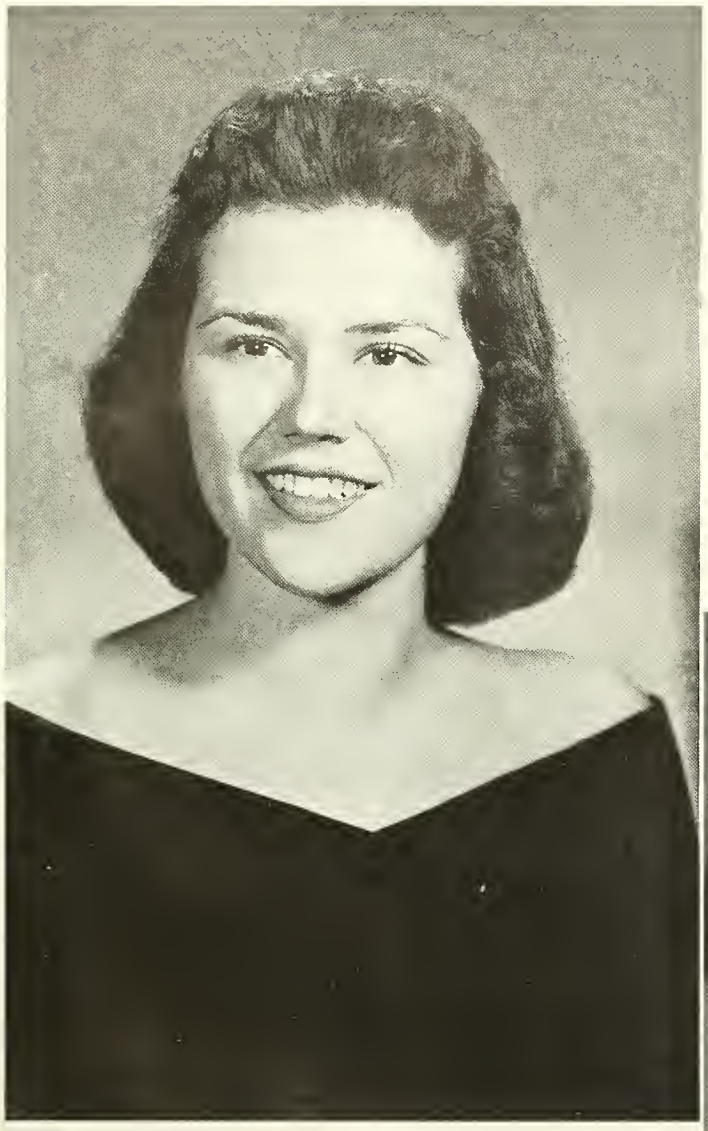
All-College Functions

Bene Hammel, talented organist, won both the praise and the admiration of the college family. After his concert in the chapel, the young Mr. Hammel was honored with a reception.

Faculty and staff share ideas and experiences during a quiet time of socializing.

Each freshman waited nervously in line for his turn to meet the faculty.

The First Mr. and Miss Bryan

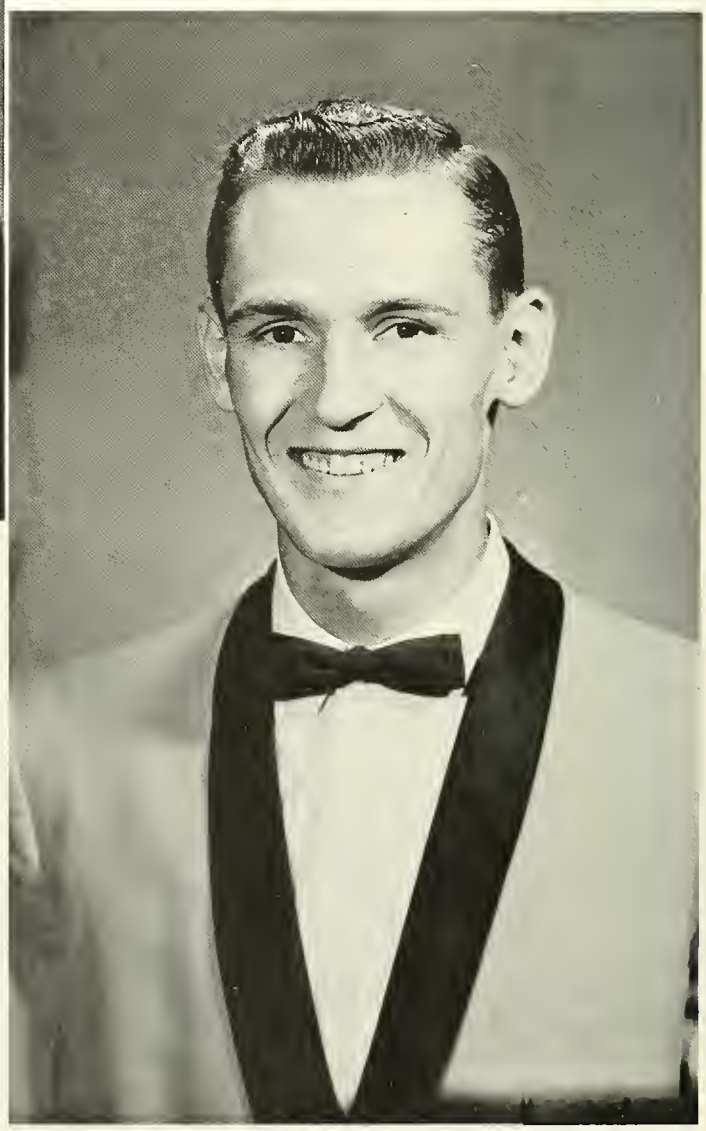


Chosen on the basis of personality and popularity, Ginny Nye and John Rynders reigned in 1960 as the first Mr. and Miss Bryan.

Representing the senior class, both John and Ginny were selected by their fellow students as typically dedicated, friendly, and talented.

Ginny Nye

Ginny is probably best known for her composition of the Bryan "Alma Mater." Throughout her college career, she was active in sports as cheerleader captain and member of the girls' basketball team. During her junior year, Ginny experienced another "first" by becoming the school's basketball princess.



John Rynders

Active in all college events, John has been nominated and selected for two consecutive years as Who's Who at Bryan. He served as president of the student body in 1960-'61 and has been a member of many of the singing and traveling ensembles representing the college throughout the country.

ATHLETICALLY

I beseech you therefore, brethern, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12:1

Cross-Country

Among sports, cross-country running is one of Bryan's all-time favorites. Coached by Everett Boyce, the varsity team includes Bob Combs, Walt Reichner, John Roden, Ken Roden, Bill Venable, and Fred Wimberly. During a highly successful season of intercollegiate competition, the Lions racked up six wins to three losses.

Ken holds a steady lead.

Bob sprints toward the finish line.

Pushing ahead, John and Walt lead the pack.

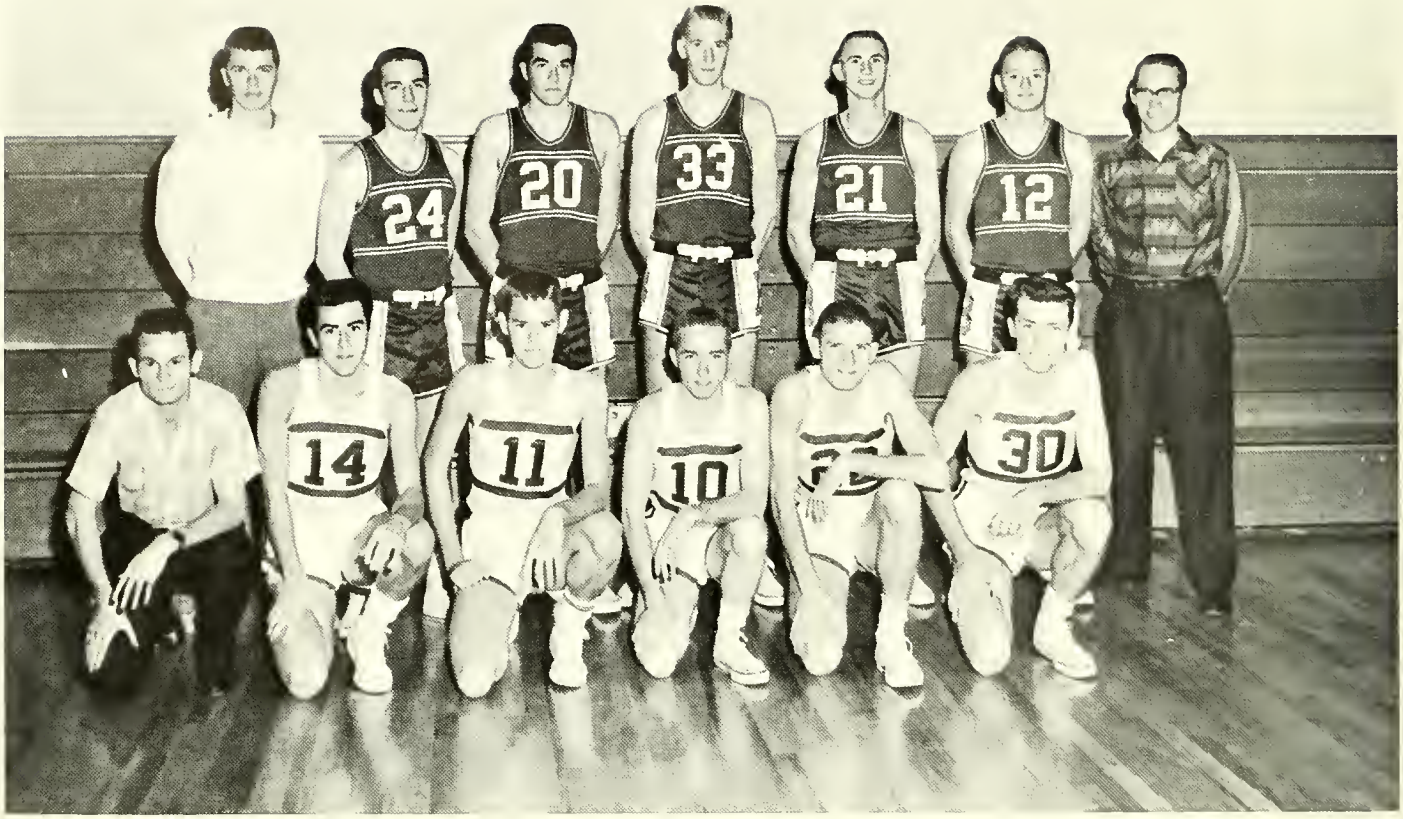
CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL

Morehead, first place

Troy State, second place

Bryan, third place

Tennessee Tech, fourth place



Varsity Team--STANDING: Coach James Voight, Bill Stanton, Jerry Todd, Jim Ramage, LeBron Bell, Wayne Dixon, Maurice Allen. KNEELING: Allen Bradley, Glenn Heinrich, Dennis Wilkins, Jerry Bauman, Til Zeller, Tom Beal.

Basketball

Footwork, ball-handling, and shooting, expertly timed and executed, have done far more for Bryan than to thrill basketball spectators. The '61 team's sparkling performances and victories have captured the attention of local citizens, sports reporters, and basketball fans throughout the country.

Especially worthy of attention is Bryan's star player, Jerry LeBron Bell. This year he reached a thrilling peak as "The Nation's Top Scorer in Small Colleges," an honor bestowed upon LeBron on the basis of his high scoring average.

Presenting . . . THE BRYAN LIONS

Bell teases Chatty with a rebound for Bryan.

Struggles for the ball became more desperate as the score began to fall to Chattanooga.

Determination and teamwork make the Lions worthy opponents and a tough team to defeat.

Basketball

Jerry Todd--forward

Jim Ramage--center

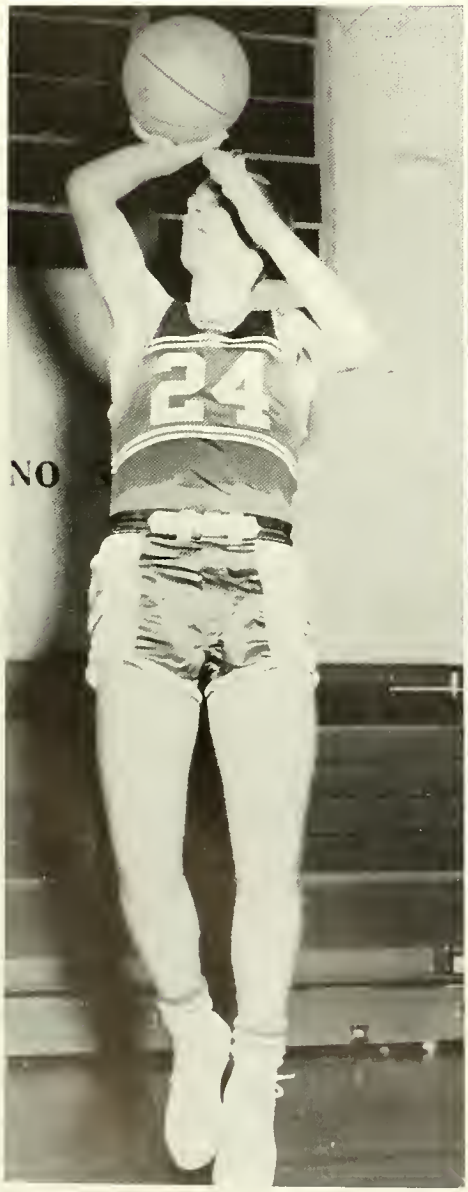
Lebron Bell--forward

Left: Plowing through Shorter's defense, Jerry Todd (20) tries a jump shot.

Above: Jim Ramage (33) strains to out-jump his opponent in the opening toss-up.

Left: Elbows jabbing, hands groping for the ball, Lebron Bell (21) takes a rebound for the Lions.

Basketball

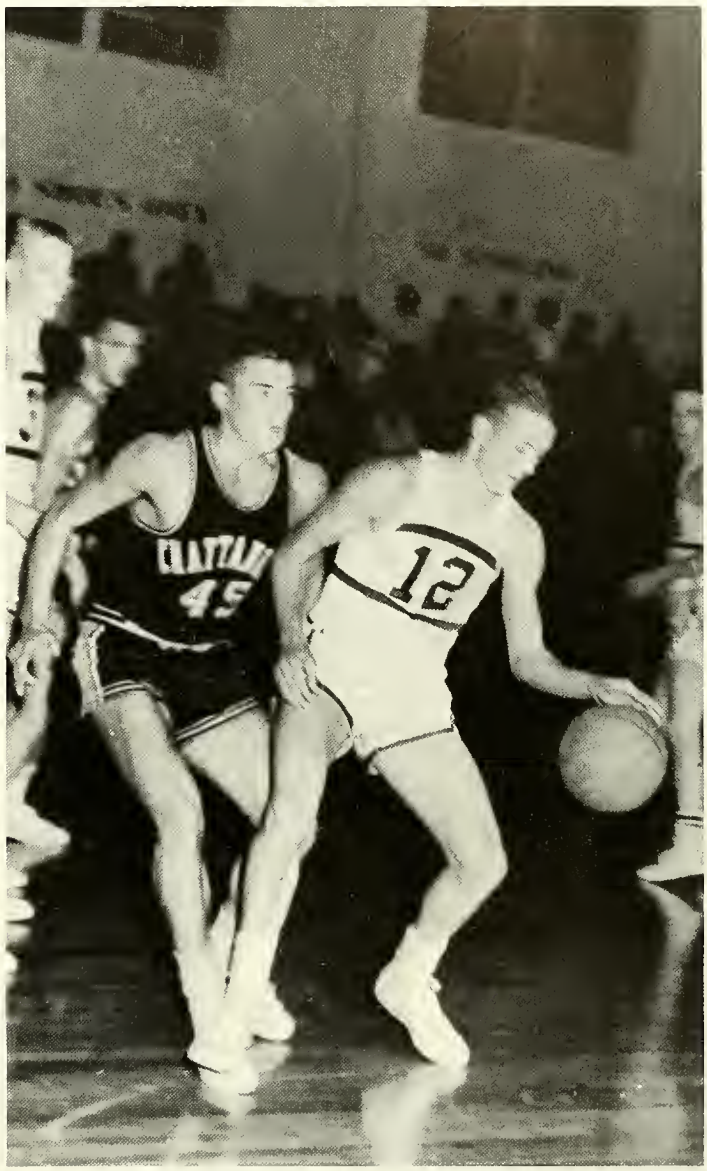


Bill Stanton--guard

Wayne Dixon--guard

James Voight--coach

Left: Coach Voight beams as his Lions pull through with another victory.



Above: Wayne Dixon (12) keeps Chattanooga guessing with a skillful dribble.

Left: With every muscle pulling toward the ball, Bill Stanton (24) leaps for Bryan.

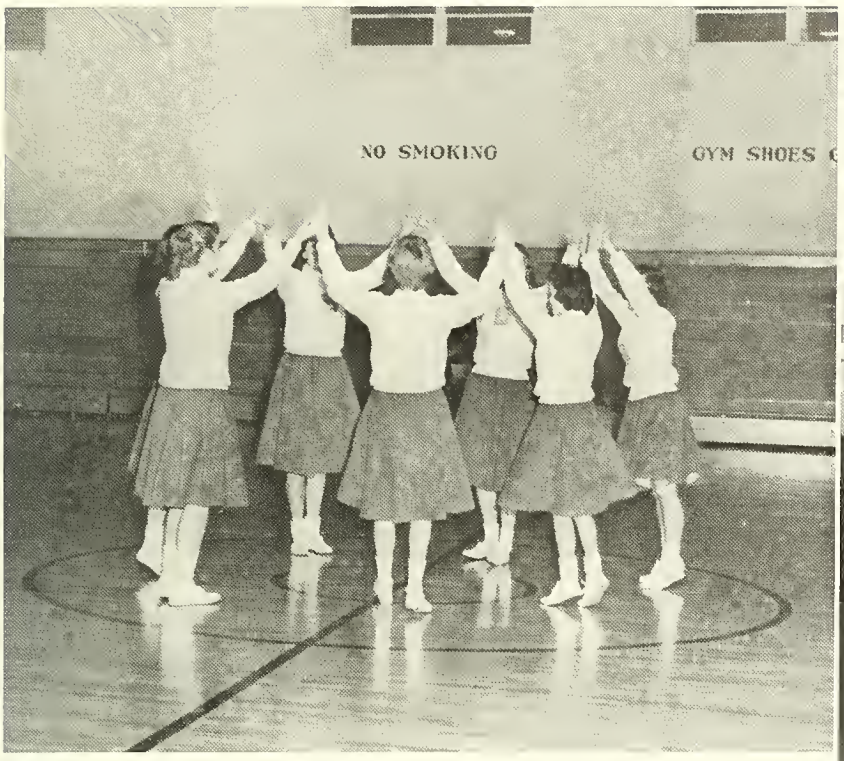
Cheerleaders

Above: Rockie Nye, captain

Above: Jane White

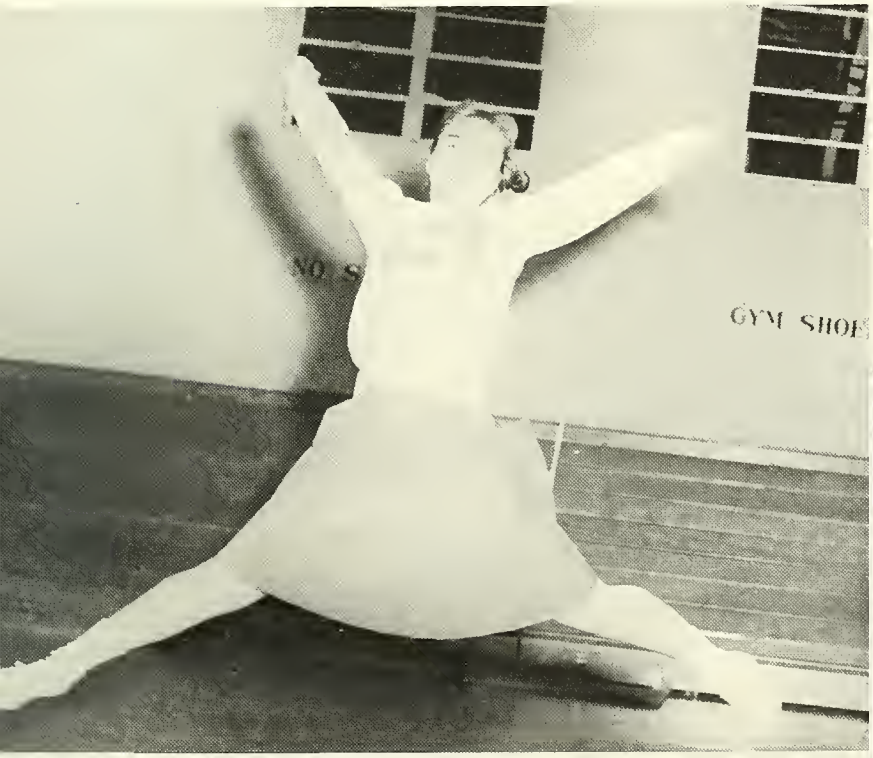
Above: Judell Engelman, co-captain

Above: Judy Blevins



Left: Urging the Lions on to victory, the school's seven cheerleaders boost team morale.

Right: Diane Peck



Left: Judy Mayfield

Right: Judy Seidenspinner

Track

Left: Don Bragg forges into the lead in relay competition.

Below: Tom Beal runs in space at the height of his broad jump.

Other favorite sports involving intercollegiate competition at Bryan are the track and field events.

These springtime contests include broad jumping, high jumping, pole vaulting, shot-putting, and javelin and discus throwing.

Each year the Lions have traveled to other colleges and universities and represented well their home campus by demonstration of athletic prowess in bodies dedicated to God.

Left: Bob Carigon, a champion runner for the Lions in 1960, displays skill in the high jump.

Track

Left: Don doubles up for that extra push.

Right: Outstanding in track, as well as in cross-country, competition, Bob Combs breaks through the finish line.

Left: Bob, holder of the state record for the one and two-mile runs, increases his lead.

Homecoming Game

Annual homecoming-day festivities climaxed Bible Conference Week. The campus was flooded by alumni who had returned to see old acquaintances, new improvements, and the traditional homecoming game.

This battle of touch football, complete with cheerleaders, pep band, excited fans, and queen, was waged with Tennessee Temple.

A pep band added its musical contribution to the spectators' enthusiasm, and cheerleaders screamed for action from their team.

Homecoming Game

Left: A block, a pass, a catch, a touchdown--eventually!

Above: Bryan takes the catch with Temple closing in fast from behind.

Left: Jim looks for the right spot to pass.

Intramurals

Intramural sporting, involving competition among classes, is a program established for student enjoyment.

Teams competing in basketball, volleyball, football, bowling, ping pong, and softball are cheered into keen rivalry by their respective classmates. Excitement increases and tension mounts as class scores rise and fall.

The culmination of various competitive events is the presentation of an intramural trophy to the class with the largest grand total of points at the end of this school term.

Above: Freshmen keep alert during a touch-and-go gridiron contest with their "natural enemies," the sophs.

Left: Hobson and his "grinning five" get ready to charge with plenty of sophomore enthusiasm.

Below and Right: John and Larry try a few practice rolls to keep in shape for league-bowling competition.

Sophomore Team--Maurice Allen, Dave Brannen, Tom Engelsman, Everett Garmon, Dave Jager, Bob Marsh, Tom Weigt.

Freshman Team--STANDING: Frank Harrison, Jack Fidler, Dennis Williams, Matthew Fretz, Terry Chesebro. KNEELING: Rollie Fleck, Ray Roseberry, Mack Estes, Jim Westgate.

Below: Scrapping for the ball, sophs and seniors, in one mad scramble, somewhat resemble a centipede in action.

Senior Team--Tom Williams, Dave Egner, John Rynders, Wes Young, Ron Lusher.

Junior Team--STANDING: Kent Juillard, Dan Berry, Russ Llewellyn, Don Culp. KNEELING: Chuck Westgate, Larry Hutchison, Bob Combs, Allen Bradley.

North-South Day

Thanksgiving Day marks the time of the traditional North-South competition, in which Johnny Rebs vie with the Yankee squad.

Team spirit reaches its highest peak during the touch-football game held on Thursday morning. This year the Rebels gained revenge in a 13-0 victory, to even the score for their '59 defeat.

Above: Russ Llewellyn forges ahead for the South.

Left: Six Southern belles cheer their team to victory.

Right: Tension mounts for North cheerleaders during final minutes of the game.

PROGRESSIVELY

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Jeremiah 33:3

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Left: Through precept and example, trustees continue to be an inspiration to students of the school they support.

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--Russell V. Stansbury

Advisory Committee

Officers--Left to Right: Wendell Brown (secretary), Robert Norris (vice-chairman), Russell V. Stansbury (chairman).

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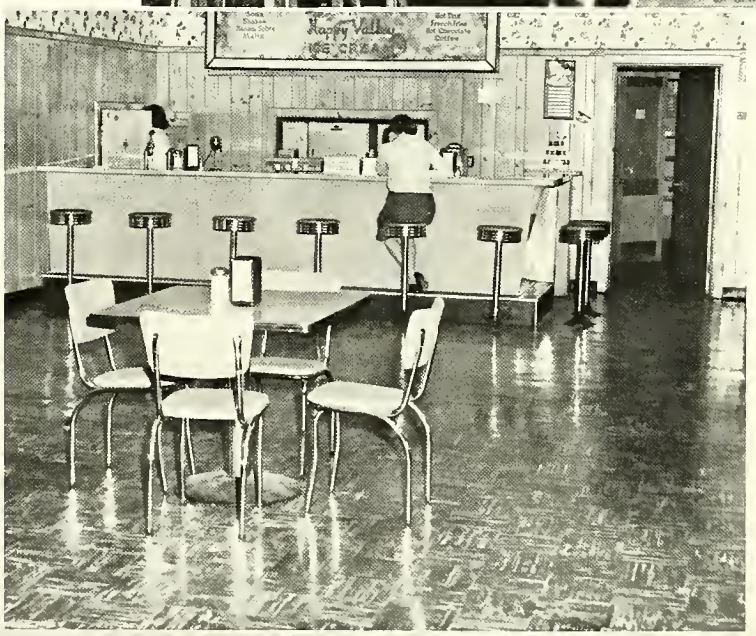
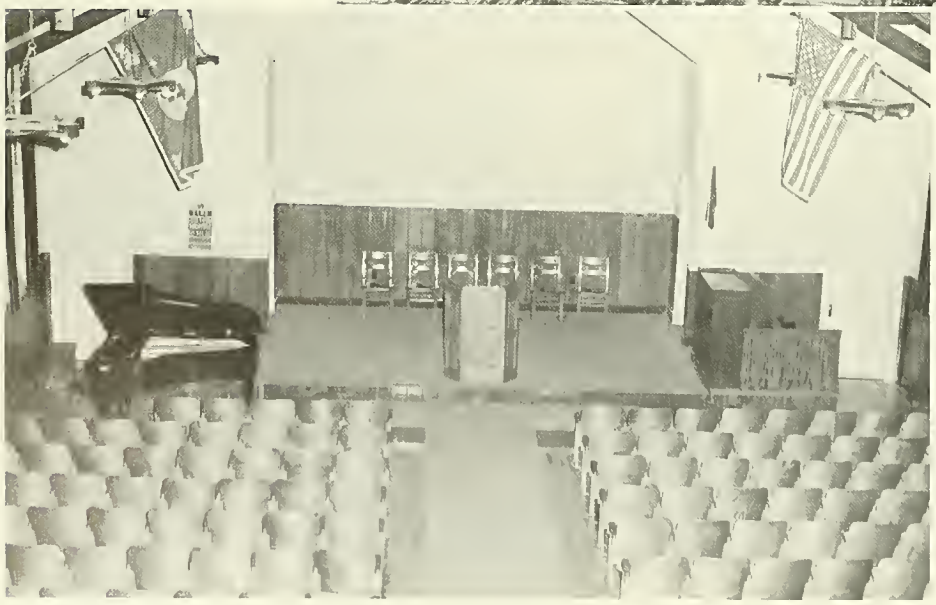
Bryan Grows

Alumni who have not visited Bryan's campus in some time would be quite pleasantly surprised at the growth which has taken place, thanks to the bountiful provision of God.

During the summer of 1958, the dining room underwent an almost complete transformation to become the attractive eating place it is today.

Students present during the school year of 1958-59 remember well a campaign to modernize their "Hole in the Wall." Today that unsightly rowdy lounge is an attractive student center, the Lionette.

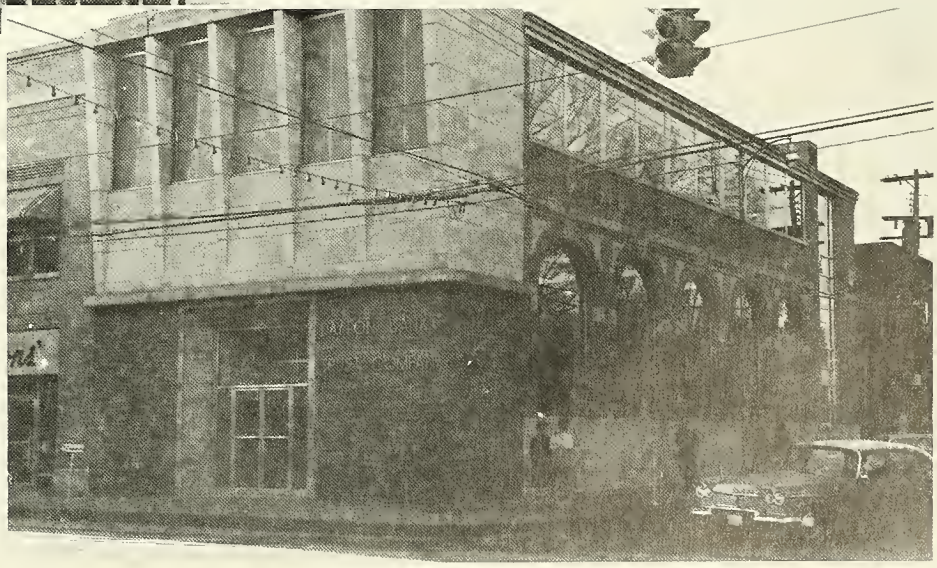




The latest improvement of the college buildings can be seen in the newly renovated chapel. New carpeting, theater seats, and a paint job completed changes during the summer of 1960.

As Dayton Grows

Dayton's new four-lane highway stands out in sharp contrast beside one of its earliest predecessors, a winding country road.



The old and the new--modern architecture and design have served their purpose well in community growth. Pictured are the former and present locations of the Dayton Bank and Trust.

Trailerville Moves Out

After many years of providing housing for married students and their families, Trailerville is being evacuated as the college expansion program is being put into effect.

With this step toward enlargement of academic facilities, more space will be made available on campus for student activity; and the area behind the administration building will take on a more pleasing appearance.

Progress Moves In

Arnold Village, provided by Mrs. E. B. Arnold, a member of the board of trustees, is replacing Trailerville with its modern duplex apartments.

Located conveniently near the school, this new housing development offers all the comforts of home to its student residents.

Faith — Vision — Reality

Commoner Staff

As the 1961 Commoner Staff, we remember, though shuddering slightly, the sleepless nights, pressing decisions, endless frustrations, and heartfelt anxiety that beset us as we locked ourselves into the ol' Commoner room to compile this volume.

Yet, even the weary memories of long, late hours are overshadowed in recollecting the satisfaction of completing our first deadline, the joy of looking over the proofs of our labor, and the victory of meeting the final deadline and seeing our last package of layout Hannibal-bound.

Indeed, we have nothing in ourselves of which we may truthfully boast; for through every crisis, from every discouragement, He, and He alone, has led the way.

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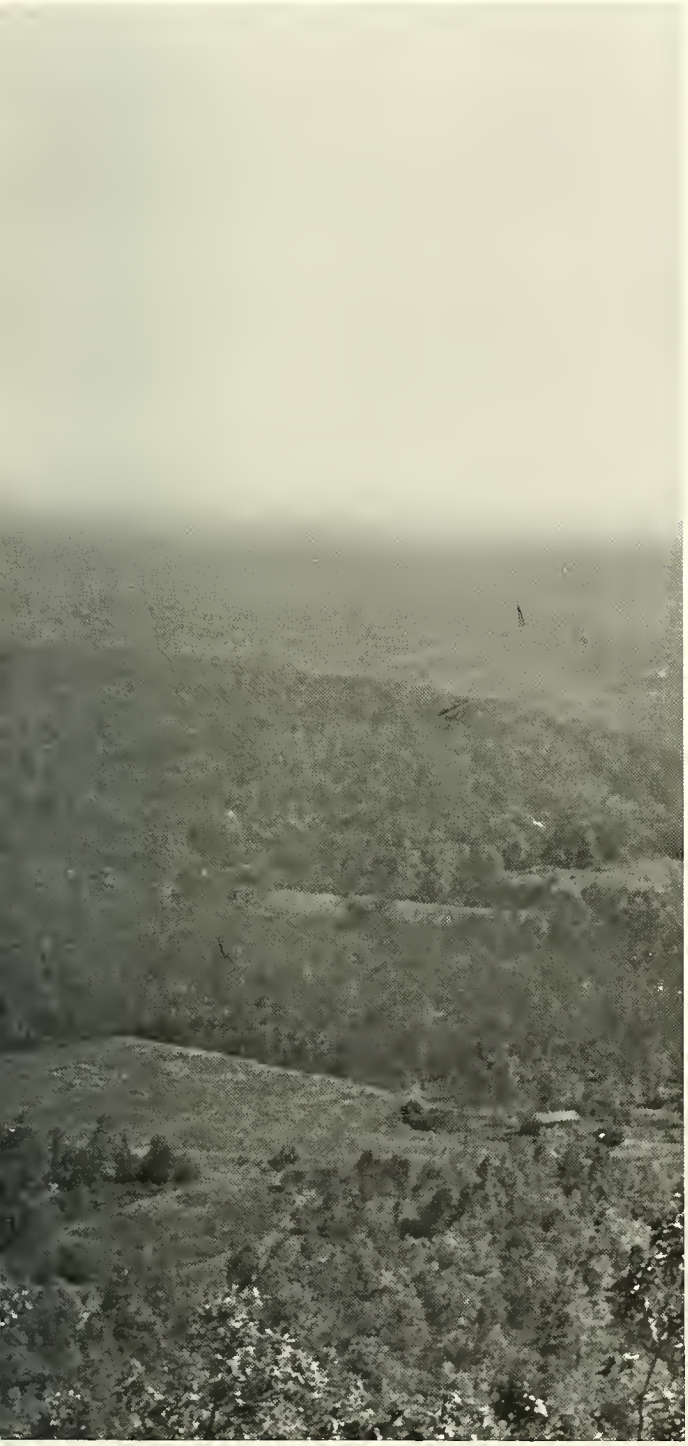

Faith For The Future

by Judy Gilson

While sighting in retrospect
The year now past,
One finds God's love
And watchfulness steadfast.

His every provision,
His direction and care,
His strength and help
Without human compare.

So now as in the past,
He will continue to lead,
Healing each heartache,
Supplying each need.

And into the future,
Though dark and unknown,
One peers with all faith,
Knowing it shall be shown.

" . . . man recognizes how limited
are his powers and how vast is the
universe, and he leans upon the
arm that is stronger than his."
--William Jennings Bryan

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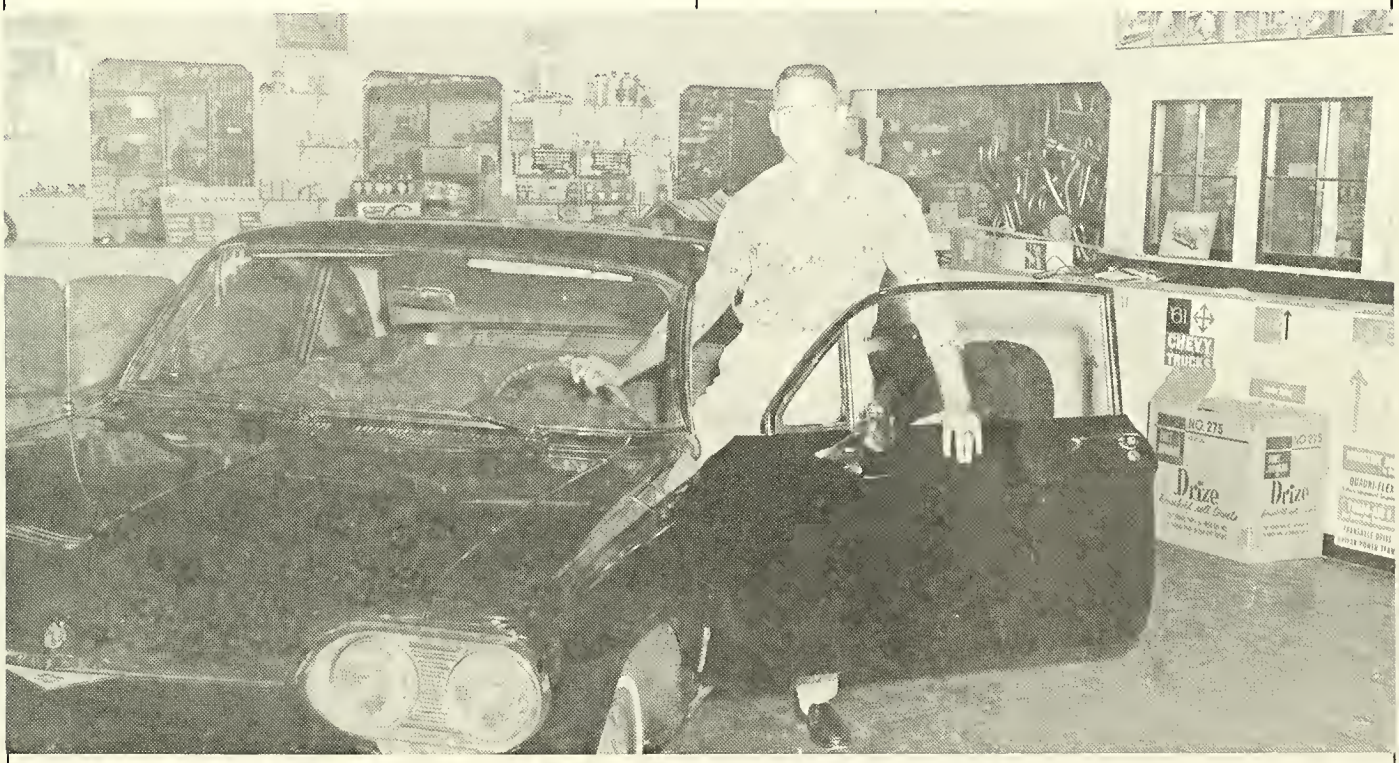

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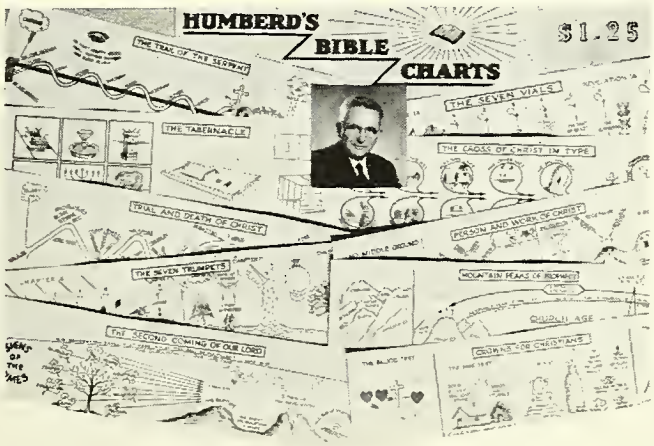

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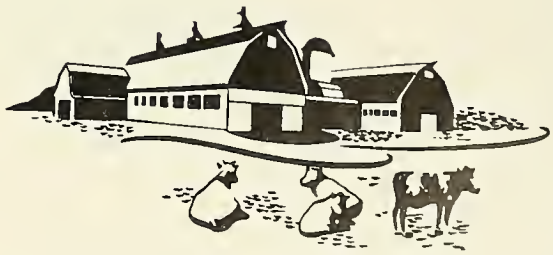

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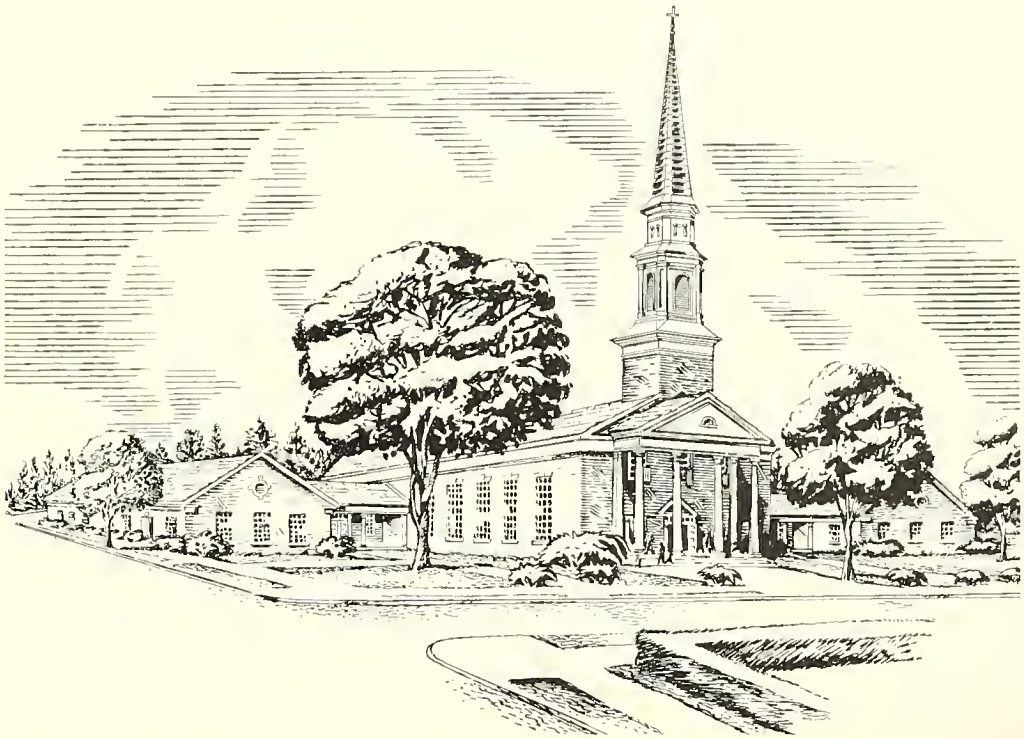

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